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A high-contrast, black and white photograph showing a massive crowd of people gathered in a city square. In the center, a large, dark, ornate structure, possibly a monument or a large vehicle, is the focal point. The crowd is dense, filling the square and spilling onto the surrounding streets. The architecture of the buildings in the background is visible, suggesting an urban setting. The image has a grainy, high-contrast quality, typical of older newspaper prints.

REYNOLDS GETS AWAY

No Likelihood Of Extradition

Tokyo, Apr. 5.
The Reynolds exploration team got off in its four-engined C-47 "Explorer" today after obtaining clearance to continue its "escape" from China.—United Press.

London, Apr. 5.
The Moscow Radio said today Russia again has rejected Chinese protests that Soviet patrol planes fired on a Chinese plane.

The incident occurred on March 8 near the Port Arthur naval base. The broadcaster said a Russian note dated April 3 rejected a Chinese contention that Russia enjoys full sovereign rights in any part of Manchuria. The note said the Chinese plane was within Russia's military area. It said Soviet rights over the port area were established in a Russo-Chinese agreement in 1945.

"In order to avoid a repetition of similar undesirable incidents," the broadcaster quoted the note, Chinese authorities should "inform the Soviet command in Port Arthur in advance about expected flights of Chinese planes over the region."

China issued its first protest on Mar., 1. Russia rejected that note three days later.—Associated Press.

Shanghai, April 5.

As an emergency measure to cope with the situation created by the recent round-up of Communist elements in the city, the local authorities have ordered a ban on unauthorised meetings of more than five workers at a time, according to Chinese reports.

The local public security authorities are understood to have officially informed workers in local factories including various public utility services, that the holding of any meeting with more than five participants must be notified beforehand—Reuters.

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The British Military Government sent a note to the Russians today suggesting four-Power talks in Berlin to discuss the existing Soviet control blocks on rail traffic to the Western Zones. The note was signed by the British Deputy Military Governor, Major-General Nevil Brownjohn.

It was in reply to the Deputy Soviet Military Governor, Lieutenant General Mikhail Dratvin, who advised the three Western Powers yesterday of Soviet willingness to discuss a clarification of controls.

General Brownjohn's note asked the Russians to name the time and place of the meeting.

—United Press.

Zone commander to travel the route by rail since the Russians announced their intention last week to impose more stringent restrictions on traffic through the Soviet zone.

A British railway spokesman at Helmstedt, British zone crossing point, said he had no details beyond an official report that the train had passed Marlenborn.

—Associated Press.

Berlin, Apr. 5.

All inland water traffic across the Soviet zone of Germany, between the Western zones and Berlin, which was suspended last Friday after the start of the new Soviet traffic restrictions, was resumed again this morning.

A British announcement said that all craft which had been held up by the Soviet authorities had been released without any new documents (originally requested by the Russians) being demanded. The resumption of traffic also applied to that between Hanover and Hamburg, both in the British zone, which had to pass through the Soviet zone in transit.

The net result of the new Soviet-traffic regulations—imposed on April 1—was thus that British, French and American passenger train services to Berlin were suspended and replaced by road and air services.—Reuter.

Berlin, Apr. 5.
Russian officer was shot
in the British sector of
n, it was officially stated
British troops were involved
incident.—Reuter.

Special Train

Berlin, Apr. 5. The special train carrying General Sir Brian Robertson, British Commander in Germany, to Berlin passed through the Soviet check point in Marienborn today without incident.

Sir Brian is the first Western

At the instigation of the Director of Medical Services a small committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Professor Robertson to plan and carry out an intensive medico-social survey in Hong Kong.

The object of this survey is not just to amass sheets of statistics, but to help the authorities most directly concerned with some of Hong Kong's social services in their efforts to get more reliable information about the living conditions of the people in whose interests they are working, and so to direct their efforts at combating physical and social evils or maladjustments in the most effective way.

Washington, Apr. 1
Twenty-four hours after President Truman signed the Marshall aid bill, State department supply officials said tonight they were prepared to begin placing orders next week to get the \$8,098 million foreign aid programme under way.

The loading of ships, they added, may start within a few days. Tomorrow an inter-agency organization, set up by the Department, will start working out overall plans for sending to the Marshall Plan nations the promised aid.

Franklin estimates that in the months of the first authorization of \$3,000,000,000 dollars for the Marshall Plan nations or western Europe, the United States will supply \$1,000,000,000 worth of goods, and \$2,000,000,000 worth of military supplies.

This charming picture was taken by Flight-Sergeant Court of the R. A. F. and entered in the "Sunday Herald Photographic Competition."

Pittsburg, Apr. 4
Doubt was expressed tonight whether America's 400,000 coal miners, on strike for a month, would abide by a court injunction issued yesterday directing them to return to work.

On President Truman's instruction, a Federal Court yesterday issued the injunction which also directs the owners to take steps to compose the differences, mainly over minimum pensions, with the workers.

The owners said the men would be ready for production tomorrow.

14 Die In BEA Crash

Berlin, Apr. 5.
R.A.F. Hqs. told United Press today that all 14 passengers and crew in a London-Hamburg-Berlin plane were killed today in a mid-air collision with a Russian fighter aircraft near here.

The British authorities, quoting soldiers at Gatow airfield, said the passenger aircraft was coming in for a landing when the collision took place.

They described the Soviet plane as a small single seater fighter. The Soviet plane appeared to fly in close to the passing aircraft.

Providence, R. I. Apr. 4.
Mr. Charles Wallace, the third party candidate for the United States Presidency, declared here today that he did not know of "a single American principle of public interest which would have to be sacrificed to make peace with Russia."

In his speech, prepared for reading at the "Wallace for President" Committee, he added that he did not know of "a single principle of public interest" which are not sacrificing to support the suicidal "get tough" policy of the present Administration.—Herald.

Cairo, Apr. 5.
Fifteen persons were killed in Alexandria today in wild rioting by more than 10,000 persons demonstrating in support of a call for a nationwide strike of police officers. Fighting broke out and spread throughout the great port city. The situation is reported to be entirely out of hand.
Army units went into action against the steadily growing number of demonstrators, firing into the ranks of the angered masses bent on violence and destruction. Of the 15 killed, seven were policemen. Twenty were seriously injured.

Troops surrounded the Police Officers' Club close to the Cecil Hotel and near the quay in the centre of the city. The howling mob who watched them march around the Club suddenly pitched a rain of stones on their head.

Many buildings, including four motion picture houses, the Concordia, Cosmo, Rex and El Dorado, were set on fire by the mob.

The Fire Department reported it received 90 frantic calls between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. local time.

Five other cinemas were damaged as well as scores of other buildings.—United Press.

Alexandria, Apr. 5.
Mob terror has gripped the entire city, second largest in Egypt. Three thousand policemen, Alexandria's entire force, walked out this morning demanding higher wages and improved working conditions. Hundreds of police also struck in Cairo protesting a proposed transfer of some officers to villages and asking more pay.

The mid-day train to Cairo was raided and all passengers were forced off. Looters stormed through the coaches snatching furnishings and baggage.

Two policemen and a 13-year-old student died of wounds suffered when troops fired into a mob in Mohamed Aly Square. An Army officer was beaten unconscious by civilians carrying sticks and stones. Nineteen others were hospitalised.

In both Alexandria and Calro, civilians rallied to the side of the striking policemen and the Army took over. Armoured cars took up stations near Government buildings in Calro.—Associated Press.

The 3,359-ton oil tanker Adinda, owned by the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, is due to arrive in Hong Kong either today or tomorrow from Singapore to have her bow removed and replaced at Talkoo Dockyard.

London, Apr. 1.—The United States Force under the command of Rear-Admiral Harold M. Martin in the Persian Gulf, passed through the Canal and is to carry out tactical exercises in the Mediterranean, United States Navy Headquarters in London.

The flagship of the task force is the 27,000-ton aircraft carrier USS *Valley Forge*. The announcement may indicate the possibility of a routine visit by the carrier and its escorts to the Mediterranean Task Force under Vice-Admiral *Shamir*. Admiral Richard *Shamir*, U.S. Navy Commander-in-Chief of the Sixth Fleet, is expected to visit the Mediterranean Sea area in the next few days. He is expected to arrive in London today for a brief stop, where he will embark on a cruise to witness the exercises and to confer with the British and French naval commanders.

Oslø, Apr. 4.

Norway is to send a small force of police to Finnmark and North Troms, near the Finnish border, "to avert difficulties which might arise from the increasing number of refugees coming from Finland," the Norwegian Telegraph Agency said today.

The move was described as "a precautionary measure."—Reuter.

Shanghai, Apr. 5.
Dr. Carson Chang, leader of the Democratic Socialist Party, who returned here last Saturday from a tour of the United States, told reporters yesterday that the present was not an opportune time to resume peace talks with Chinese Communists.

He said that China must carry out reforms politically, economically, culturally and militarily to win the respect of foreign nations.

Questioned on the international situation, Dr. Chang said that although tension between the United States and the Soviet Union seemed to have reached a new all-time high, there would be no war within the next few years. He stated that China's immediate needs were peace and betterment of the people's livelihood. If the civil war continued without let-up, the nation is doomed to destruction.

Paris, Apr. 4. — In two speeches in France today, the Marshall aid for Europe plan was praised and attacked.

The Finance Minister, M. René Mayer speaking at Lyons, said: "This great work will permit us to finance our schemes for the equipment of industry. No recovery is possible without American aid."

M. Maurice Thorez, the Communist leader, said: "The Marshall Plan is an attack on the independence of France. That is why we will fight it with all our power." — Reuter

A small anticyclone extending from the Sea of Japan to Taiwan is moving E. and a weak ridge covers the Eastern part of the China Sea. A moderate anticyclone centered between Amoy and Canton is almost stationary. The weather today's forecast—fresh or strong ESE winds, shower with periods of rain or drizzle.

Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum 77.7, Minimum 70.7.
Maximum 82.5, Min. 74.0.
Humidity: 70.1
Rainfall: 0.15 mm. (0.006 in.)
Wind: variable, 10 to 20 mph.
An arrival of 11.65, from N. E. 100 mph.
Barometer: 30.05 in. Hg.
Direction of Wind: N. E.
Force of Wind: 10 to 20 mph.
Sea: choppy.
Sky: Partly Cloudy.
Time of Day: 11.00 a.m.



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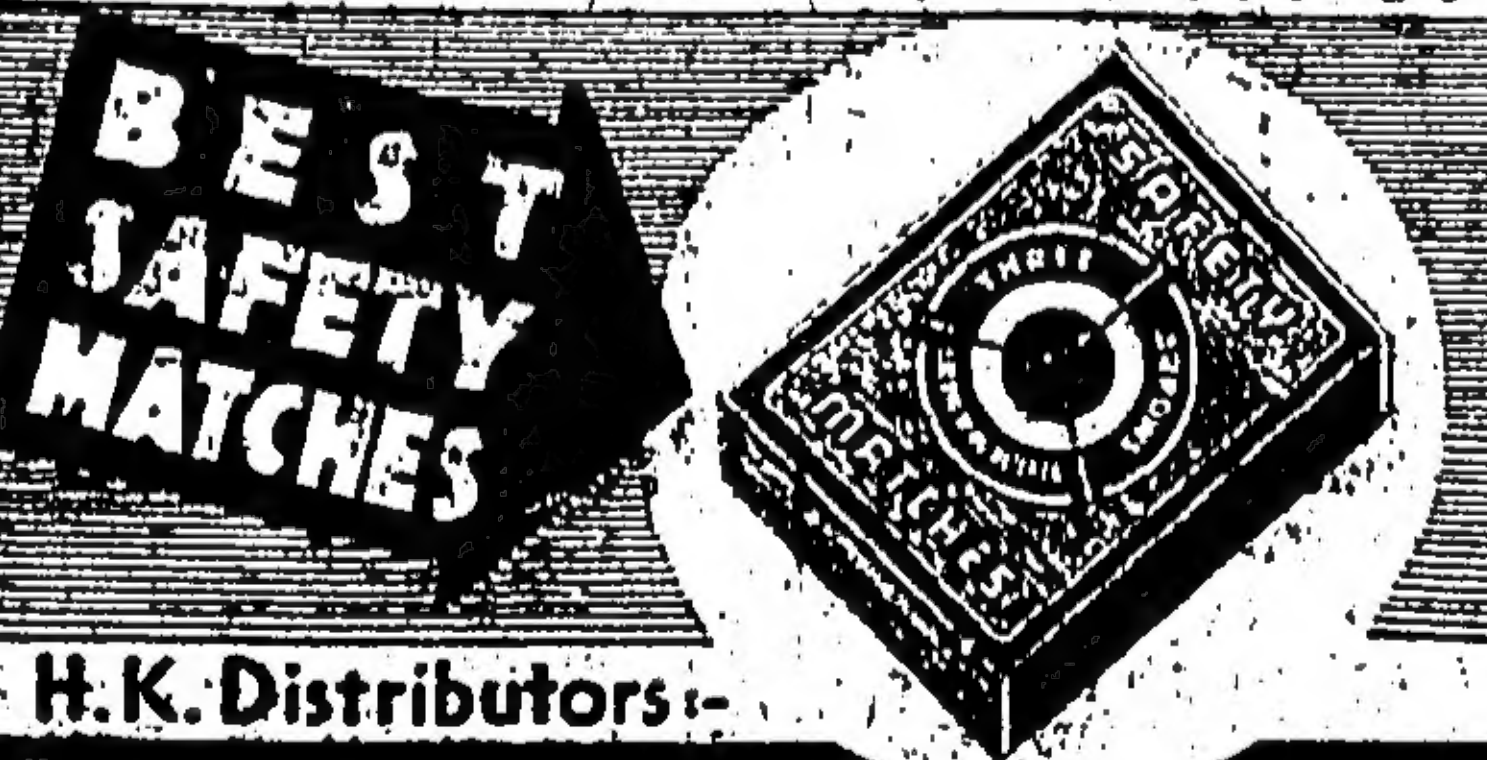
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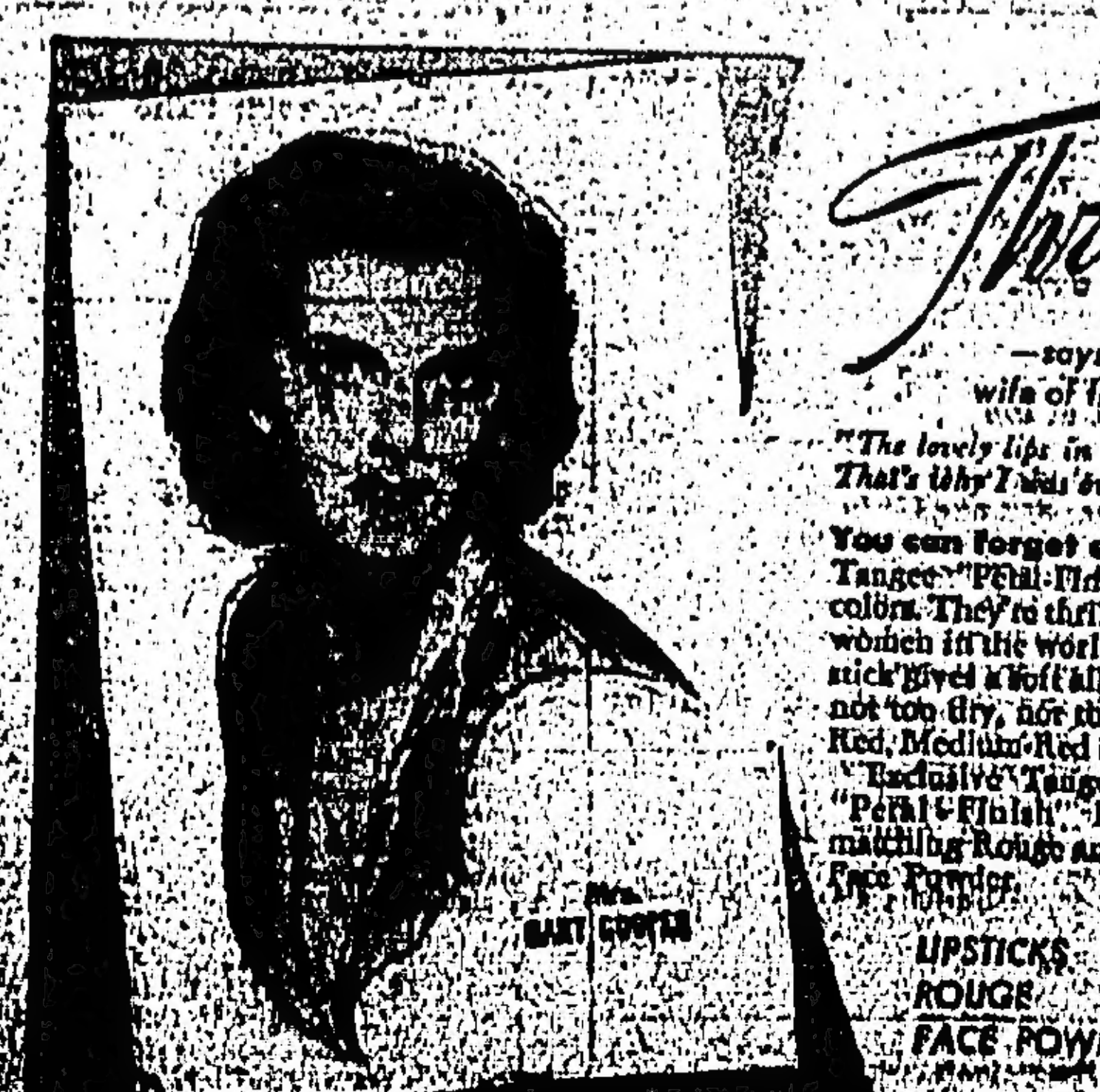
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GOVT. FORCES PUSH COMMUNISTS BACK

Shanghai, Apr. 5.

Reinforced by mechanized units, Government forces defending the dirtfield and outposts in the northwestern suburbs of Changchun today pushed back the Communist columns for some miles and recaptured several strong-points as General Lin Piao's offensive against the Manchurian capital entered its second day, according to pro-Government despatches.

The Nationalist advance was made after a bloody close-quarter fight, during which the Reds were claimed to have suffered 800 killed.

The simultaneous Communist drive further south, on the north bank of the Liao River, 40 miles north of Mukden, was also checked with strong Government detachments now counter-attacking, the despatches added.

The battle in east Suiyuan is increasing in ferocity as Communist General Nieh Yung-sheng's armies made headway in its drive on the provincial capital of Kweihsui. In order to shorten the front, Government forces are reported to have voluntarily evacuated the cities of Fengcheng, 80 miles southeast of Kweihsui, Liangcheng, 40 miles southeast of Kweihsui, and Tien-chia-cheng, near Liangcheng.

The main force of General Nieh is now said to be less than 35 miles from Kweihsui, where the Government garrison and militia have been alerted for action.

Shantung Front

On the Shantung war front, Communist General Chen Yi's columns gained further ground in the battle around the strategic Tsinan railway cities of Weinan and Changlo.

According to a high Nationalist staff officer, attached to the Command of General Wang Yao-wu, Governor of Shantung, the Communist aim is to recapture the strategic city of Tsinan, Shantung coast but he expressed the belief that it would be frustrated.

After days of bitter fighting, Communist troops besieging the Government fortress of Linfeng, in south Shantung, have captured the power plant, located in the eastern suburb and are now attempting to battle their way inside the city.

Troops and civilians, including female students and young boys and girls, are at present working round the clock to construct a new air-strip near the centre of the city, from which a general exodus has started.

Suspicious Bulge In His Coat

Seen by two detectives at 4.45 a.m. in the morning, 17-year-old Law Tung aroused the suspicion of the law officers when they saw a bulge protruding from his jacket.

When searched, four rubber dolls were found tucked under the jacket.

Law escorted the officers to where he had stolen the articles which were recognized by complainant.

As a result, Law was charged before Mr. A. J. Clifford yesterday when he admitted the offence.

In view of his age, which according to the Magistrate, did not seem to be 17, he was ordered to be given six strokes and to be bound over in \$25 for 12 months.

Inspector Brownrigg prosecuted.

DONATIONS

The St. Teresa's Parochial Council acknowledged, with grateful thanks and appreciation, the receipt of the following donations to its Parochial Hall Fund: Mr. F. E. d'Almeida Remedios \$5,000, Mr. N. E. Allay \$5,000, Mr. B. Basto \$5,000, Rev. A. Grinnell \$5,000, Dr. and Mrs. S. Ho-Arjo \$1,000 (1st installment), Mr. Lucien Wong \$1,000, Mr. M. J. Gan \$1,000, Mrs. Kwee Gie Ho \$500, Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Yeung \$500 (1st installment), Mr. and Mrs. G. Volkner \$200, Mr. T. H. Hutchinson \$200, Messrs. Shum Chai Wah and Ng Yu Kwong \$100, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Avasia \$100, Miss J. Chintan \$20, collected by Miss A. Law \$117, by Miss A. Chan \$157, by Miss A. Sirom \$120, by Miss F. Chan \$40, by Miss A. Chintan \$20, by Mr. E. Gonzales \$30, by Mr. H. E. Remedios \$20 (to be continued).

Donations to the Fund will be gratefully received by the Parochial Council, 908 Waterloo Road, Kowloon, Tong. It is estimated that the building will cost at least \$150,000.

Charged with larceny of clothing and breach of a Deportation order, Lam Chuen, 20, with two previous convictions, was sentenced by Mr. A. J. Clifford to six months on the first charge and two years on the second, the sentences to run concurrently.

\$3,000 Judgment In Tyre-Sale Case

Judgment in the sum of \$3,000 and costs was awarded yesterday by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), in favour of Chuen Kow & Co., plaintiffs, against The Rostre Trading Co., defendants.

The plaintiffs, who carry on business at 632A, Nathan Road, were represented by Mr. D. A. Li Wright, instructed by Mr. Capstick of Messrs. Deacons. The defendants, whose address was given as Room 114, Wilford House, 1st floor, were not legally represented.

Mr. Wright said that by a contract, dated Dec. 28, 1945, defendants contracted to sell to the plaintiffs 50 pairs of Dunlop rubber inner tyre flaps for delivery by Dec. 30, 1945, at the price of \$3,000.

This sum was paid to defendants by plaintiffs in two instalments. The first instalment of \$500 was paid on Dec. 26, 1945, while the second and final instalment of \$2,500 was paid on Dec. 30, 1945. Defendants failed to deliver the tyres on Dec. 30, 1945. Plaintiffs voluntarily extended the date for delivery to Jan. 20, 1946, but defendants again failed to make delivery of the tyres on that date. The plaintiffs therefore claimed a return of the \$3,000 and other relief.

Apologised

Shum Yau-shing of the defendant company said that he had helped a friend named Mau of the Rostre Trading Co. to obtain a licence to sell Dunlop tyres. This friend had ordered the tyres from the Yee Tung Tat Co. to be sold to him. He had attempted to do so but was unable to sell the tyres in Hong Kong. Shum said that he negotiated the sale to plaintiffs, but after payment of the delivery order, he found that the tyres were not the Dunlop brand. He considered this responsibility in the matter as his own. He received \$250 commission from Mau for negotiating the transaction. He was surprised to find that the delivery order was not for Dunlop tyres but for Rostre brand. He apologized to the plaintiffs and offered to return the money.

Obvious Case Of Connivance

Another "obvious case of persons stowing away with the connivance of the crew" was heard by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when seven Fudinese and one Hok Shan man were charged with stowing away on board the s.s. "Menestheus" from Hong Kong to Manila.

According to Inspector J. Orem, the eight men were discovered when the "Menestheus" arrived at Manila on March 25. As the penalty imposed against the ship would be 1,000 pesos per man, the Master of the vessel transferred the stowaways to the s.s. "Titan" to be brought back to Hong Kong.

"It is another case of persons stowing away with the connivance of the crew," said Inspector Orem.

Captain Eymon, Master of the s.s. "Titan," told the Court that there have been quite a lot of cases of stowaways on board and he would like to know the persons behind them.

Defendants, Tseng Tak-fat (22), Lam Chung (22), Sze Hoi (35), Wong Tin (23), Wong Ming (27), Wong Man (23), Ho Yat (20), of Fudinese, and Yam Wo (20), of Hok Shan, were sentenced to six weeks' hard labour each.

Personalia

Passengers by C.P.A. planes included L. J. W. Walters (from Singapore), E. West (from Bangkok), and Mr. and Mrs. E. Liew (to Bangkok).

Peninsula Hotel arrivals: J. E. Nixon, C. R. Hargreaves, Mrs. J. Marmery, Mr. and Mrs. M.J.A. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. P.E.M. Paten.

Peninsula departures: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Croham, Mrs. H. Lawton, Mrs. Ruth Farnell, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stoner, Mrs. Jean Sanda, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jorgensen, J. M. Barry, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Alzate and J. P. McLaughlin.

Miss Lynda Grier, new representative of the British Council in China, is due to leave England by air on April 9 and will arrive in Hong Kong on April 15. She will leave for Shanghai on the following day.

Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kowloon, returned to Canton yesterday by air. He was accompanied by Madame Soong and his secretaries.

Learner's Licence

When Leung Kaow, 48-year-old dried goods merchant of 40 Cheung Sha Wan Road, third floor, claimed that he had a Learner's Licence, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr decided to adjourn the case in which Kaow was charged with driving private car 9492 without a driver's licence, for 48 hours.

According to Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, defendant was stopped at 10 a.m. on April 4 and when asked to produce his licence showed the Police an application for a Learner's Licence and a driving test which he failed on March 31.

Defendant admitted that he had his driving test but stated that he was told by the inspector that he had to practice for another week. He was further told, he alleged, that there was no need for another licence.

Accused claimed that he had an old licence which he forgot to bring. He admitted, in reply to the Magistrate, that he did not have a licensed driver with him at the time of the alleged offence.

Defendant was later seen by complainant at the Kowloon Station and when asked about the matter admitted the offence. He said he had paid the complainant's full price for the car and produced the pawn ticket together with the amount.

An order was made for the car to be returned to the complainant. The pawn ticket was also returned to the complainant.

Pawnbroker Always Wins

Charged with larceny of a quantity of clothing from the second floor of No. 217 Queen's Road West, Li Yee, 25, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. A. J. Clifford at Central Magistrate yesterday.

Inspector Brownrigg informed the court that defendant is the brother of complainant's wife and had been in the habit of calling on complainant to borrow money.

When complainant refused to lend him some clothing from complainant's wardrobe and pawned it.

Defendant was later seen by complainant at the Kowloon Station and when asked about the matter admitted the offence. He said he had paid the complainant's full price for the car and produced the pawn ticket together with the amount.

An order was made for the car to be returned to the complainant. The pawn ticket was also returned to the complainant.

Gold Bars Found In First-Class Berth

The discovery by the Revenue Department of a large quantity of gold bars and gold coins in a first-class berth on board the Dutch steamer Van Heutz on Dec. 25 was recalled before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central Magistrate yesterday when Voon Pak-jut, 39, appeared on two charges of attempting to export 1,510.14 taels of gold and importing gold without a licence from the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida, K.C., instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared for the defence, and pleaded not guilty.

Mr. E. Himsforth, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, who prosecuted, said that about noon on Dec. 25, R.O. Lapsley and a party of Revenue Officers boarded the Van Heutz and carried out a search just prior to the ship sailing. R.O. 121 was instructed to search the passengers' cabins.

In berth 3 and 4 a white jacket was found and suspected to contain gold, and in fact it did contain gold.

R.O. 121 asked three Chinese in the cabin to whom the gold belonged and the defendant, who was one of the three, admitted it was his. Another jacket containing gold was found in a locker, and Voon was asked if he had any more gold. He said "No."

A further search was made and under a pillow another jacket containing gold was found, and under a mattress on another bed a further jacket containing gold was also discovered. There was still another jacket under the same mattress. Six packets of gold were also found under a pillow.

Voon was again questioned if he had more gold and he again said "No."

SG CRO 165 then searched Voon's person and on him were found five packets containing gold bars. Voon was taken to cabin No. 43 and a further search was carried out but nothing more was discovered. He was returned to berth 3 and 4, and there the other Chinese who had been found with him denied all knowledge of the gold.

Accused was charged, and in a statement he said the gold belonged to him, that he had sold all his property in Swatow, and had purchased the gold. He added that he was proceeding to Singapore to do some business and did not know that he was committing an offence.

Two Tickets

Evidence was then called by the Prosecution. Chan Chun-hing, Chinese agent for the Van Heutz, said he issued the tickets on the ship and on December 23 two tickets for berths 3 and 4 had been bought by a man. That same person later bought a third ticket for someone called Voon Pak-jut in the second class. The ship left Hong Kong at 3 p.m. on December 25.

Cross-examined, Chan said the tickets were bought by Ip To-sang for the Chan Foo Yuen firm. He examined Chan, declared the Chan Foo Yuen firm dealt in imports and he had learned from a newspaper advertisement that it also dealt with remittances.

Questioned by the Court, Chan agreed that through tickets to Singapore could be purchased in Swatow without the passenger transhipping there.

Corroborative evidence of the discovery of the gold bars and coins was given by R.O. H. Lapsley, who said the coins comprised 80 American and a quantity of English sovereigns.

Following testimony by SG CRO 165, Li Yee, and R.O. 121, Redman, to whom the discovery was reported later, the hearing was adjourned to 12 noon on April 27, and will continue at the same time on April 27.

"Euk On" Capsizes

More than 20 passengers were drowned last week when a Chinese motor vessel "Euk On" capsized outside Swatow harbour, according to a Chinese press report yesterday.

The vessel, laden with more than 100 drums of peanut oil and some 50 passengers, was about to enter the harbour when the heavy rain caused the vessel to capsize. The passengers were rescued by a passing boat.

ROAD AND FUEL COSTS

Road and Fuel Costs for the week ending April 3:

	Motor	Truck
Road	1.00	1.00
Fuel	1.00	1.00
Oil	1.00	1.00
Grease	1.00	1.00
Repairs	1.00	1.00
Tires	1.00	1.00
Washers	1.00	1.00
Wax	1.00	1.00
Brake	1.00	1.00
Clutch	1.00	1.00
Exhaust	1.00	1.00
Water	1.00	1.00
Food	1.00	1.00
Accommodation	1.00	1.00
Medical	1.00	1.00
Funeral	1.00	1.00
Other	1.00	1.00

Watchman Fined For Firing Gun

Hui Tim-chung (18), watchman employed by the China Construction Co. at Char Kuo Ling Village, was fined \$100 by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of negligently discharging a round of his shot-gun on April 1.

The charge arose out of a Police raid on the village at 8.20 p.m. on April 1 when three gamblers were arrested and 12 gamblers were arrested and dealt with by the Magistrate on the following day.

Defendant, who was employed as a watchman, accidentally fired a round from his shot-gun when he heard the commotion outside his hut. Three persons, including Detective 835, were injured and one of them was hospitalised for a day.

When accused appeared in Court yesterday, Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth said that he had been informed by Det. Wu Chung-oh that the injured man had been discharged from hospital.

The Police were perfectly satisfied that it was a pure accident and were not pressing the charge.

Defendant said that the gun went off by accident and that he was not even aware of the mind going off.

Snatcher Sentenced

There is too much of this type of larceny in the colony," said Mr. A. J. Clifford at Central Magistrate yesterday when he sentenced 18-year-old Tsui Sing to two months hard labour and recommended him for banishment for the larceny of a wrist watch from the person of V. L. Haskins of U.S.S. Duluth at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday.

According to the prosecution, conducted by Inspector Brownrigg, complainant was on a bicycle travelling along Hennessy Road and when near Johnston Road defendant suddenly snatched the wrist watch from complainant's wrist.

Complainant alighted and gave chase and arrested defendant.

Reminders

Today

Handicraft Exhibition by Chinese schools, second floor, Sincere Company.
Billions Old Girls Association Annual Meeting & Dinner at WYCA, Duddell St., 6 p.m.
H. K. Union Church Management Committee meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European WYCA, 8 p.m.
Rotary Club Luncheon, talk on "Some Salient Facts About Chinese Marriage," by Chum Kwah-po, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club extraordinary general meeting, 1st Club house, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Club de Recreio (Lawn Bowls & Tennis Section) meeting at Clubhouse, 7.30 p.m.
Talk on "Medicine in History" by Dr. D. W. C. Gawn, European WYCA, 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY
St. Thomas' Motor Association, lecture on "The Catholic Motorist," English Literature, by Fr. T. Ryan, Catholic Centre, 8.30 p.m.
Report performance of "Handless Maiah" by Hong Kong Singers, European WYCA, 8 p.m.

H.K. Rope Manufacturing Co. Ltd., annual general meeting, Chung King Bldg., 12 noon.

FRIDAY
Diocesan Old Girls Association, annual general meeting at the School (followed by dinner), 6.30 p.m.
Joint Session of Portuguese Institute and Anglo-Portuguese Club, at Clubhouse, 8 p.m.

N.F. TUCKER FINED \$120

Maximum Penalty Imposed

The recently amended maximum penalty of \$10,000 fine or a year's hard labour was imposed for the first time in Kowloon yesterday when Wong Chih-tai alias Wong Chih-kit, 48-year-old married woman, pleaded guilty before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr to possession of 96 tacks of raw opium on April 4.

Revenue Officer D. Knox said that defendant, on her arrival by a CNAC plane at Kai Tak Airfield, was asked whether she had anything to declare. She replied in the negative and her suitcase was searched by CRO 21 who found the opium concealed in the false bottom of the case.

She told the Revenue Officers, said RO Knox, that she was carrying the drug for some person for delivery to an address in Hong Kong. She named a depot which was raided some time ago by Revenue Department officers who found opium being boiled on the premises.

In another case, heard before Mr. W. H. Latimer, Yeung Leung, 30, farmer, was fined \$1,700 (or seven months' hard labour) for possession of 17 tacks of raw opium at the K.C.R. Station on April 3.

The narcotic was found concealed in the false bottom of a basket by CRO 22, said Revenue Officer Knox.

Readers' Letters

Teachers

Sir,—Five hundred and forty teachers employed in grant schools have been impatiently waiting for information regarding their salaries, and they will have to keep on waiting according to yesterday's "Sunday Herald."

It does seem strange that there should be such long indecision in this matter. There can be little doubt as to the justice of including these teachers in the scheme of revised salaries recommended by the Salaries Commission. With the present inadequacy of Government schools, grant schools are indispensable and this is obviously recognized, as evidenced by the fact that their teachers are subsidized by Government. This recognition should carry with it the right of being accorded the same treatment as that enjoyed by Government school teachers.

The teaching profession has always been a badly paid one. As doubtful compensation, teachers have been gulled with the argument that it is a noble profession. However, nobility alone does not pay debts, and teachers have to live and to struggle for their existence in the same way as all other law-abiding citizens have to do.

Thousands of students have to rely on grant schools for their education, and unless teachers are given the treatment to which they are entitled and kept satisfied, the standard of teaching in these schools is bound to suffer as a consequence.

As a decision has not yet been reached in this important matter, it is hoped that it will be one favourable to the teachers.

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PICKED WRONG CUSTOMER

Hiring a bicycle from No. 269 Des Voeux Road West, Cheung Fat-hing, had the machine taken over to Kowloon and at Ashley Road approached two Chinese and offered to sell it.

So it happened the two men approached were detectives, who promptly had Cheung taken to the police station, where he admitted having hired it from the above address.

Before Mr. A. J. Clifford at Central yesterday, Cheung was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Inspector Brownrigg prosecuted.

A joint session of the Portuguese Institute and the Sino-British Club will take place at Clube Lusitano, Ice House Street, on Friday at 6 p.m. when a talk will be given on the cultural work in China of Misses Riet of the Portuguese Patronage in the Far East.

Guilty Of Driving Without Due Care And Attention

N. F. Tucker, of the Education Department, was yesterday acquitted by Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam at Central Magistracy on a charge of driving a vehicle under the influence of drink but was fined \$120 on another charge of driving without due care and attention, causing an accident.

The Magistrate ordered an endorsement to be made on his licence.

Mr. D. Strellet, of Messrs. Brutton & Co. represented defendant, while Mr. G. D. Binstead, Divisional Superintendent, Traffic, prosecuted.

Mr. Tam said in his judgment that he was convinced that the prosecution had conducted the case in a fair manner and did not, in his opinion, try to bring up evidence in an attempt to bolster the charges, as suggested by defence counsel.

The Magistrate contended that he doubted that defendant was under the influence of drink to such an extent as to have no control of the vehicle he was driving, and gave the benefit of the doubt to the defendant.

On the charge of driving without due care and attention, Mr. Tam stated that defendant could not see the stationary taxi while he had his lights on. He pointed out that it "is a bad habit" of taxi drivers to park their cabs on the highway, but added that any ordinary driver could see any obstacles in the way. Defendant was guilty on that charge, he concluded.

Inspector Tsui Po-yung, of Upper Levels, who was the Inspector on duty when defendant was brought to the station on Feb. 19 at 1 a.m. after a collision in which defendant's car bumped into a taxi cab parked outside a garage at Bonham Road, entered the witness box yesterday.

"Wobbly"

Inspector Tsui said that after making a statement, defendant walked out in a "wobbly" manner. He saw, through the Charge Room window, defendant vomiting outside the station. Defendant was very "steady" when he made his report, excepting for several pauses, he said. Until he saw defendant's vomiting and walk, Inspector Tsui stated, he did not suspect that defendant was under the influence of drink. He noted that defendant was "a little bit shocked and perspiring." From his experience of traffic accidents, he said, defendant appeared to be suffering from shock.

PC Kwong Pin-chuen of Upper Levels, said defendant was not "steady" when he left the station and he saw him vomiting outside. He was ordered by Inspector Tsui to escort defendant to the hospital.

Tucker then was put into the box by defence counsel. Defendant said he was with Mr. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, on the evening of Feb. 18 at a party, where he had a few mixed drinks. The amount was not abnormal for him. The elder witness he took during the meal was not strong.

His car was parked about 100 yards by the side of Homestead Flats and when he walked to it with Mr. Reynolds he was feeling perfectly normal. From the spot he had to negotiate a sharp bend to go into the main road. He went down Hingning Gap Road, crossed Bowen Road, and then cruised down Garden Road. He did not meet other traffic except for one or two cars at long intervals. The night was particularly cold and very dark.

He then went into Upper Albert Road, and arrived at Caine Road, where he had to manoeuvre through a trench, with red lights on, very carefully. There was little traffic in Caine Road except for four or five cars going uphill. All that time he felt "perfectly normal" and was driving at 15 m.p.h.

Bright Lights

Approaching the Northcote Training College, he saw a car approaching with bright headlights. He slowed down, driving with due caution, and edged over

slightly although his car was well on its side of the road. Suddenly he saw looming ahead of him a grey taxi parked on the highway. He put on his brakes, but the distance was too short for him to avoid an accident. Defendant said he was quite certain the taxi had no lights on when he noticed it. The collision made a very loud noise. He was shaken, and it was quite possible that he had his head on the wheel. He could not say so definitely.

He got out to examine the damage in the lights of his own van and found his front bumper caught up. Several employees of the garage came out and lifted the taxi to disengage the two vehicles. Before the constable arrived on the scene, he had already made arrangements with the taxi driver to report to the police. The constable, he insisted, took down notes by his (Tucker's) headlights.

Defendant said he had to reverse twice to get clear to proceed to the station, because his car was "wobbly" when he was assayed by the bump and because of the proximity of the taxi. He was directed to the station by the taxi driver and constable who followed him in his van.

Defendant said he felt "rather shaken" after the incident, but otherwise was normal. He waited for about two minutes for the I.O.D. to come down to take his report and waited for another 20 minutes for the Traffic Inspector to be sent for. Suddenly he had a feeling of nausea. He started to perspire and had to walk out to be sick. When he returned the I.O.D. told him that he (the I.O.D.) had reason to think that defendant was intoxicated, and should go to the hospital. Defendant said he expressed willingness to be tested medically.

Blood Test

At the Queen Mary Hospital, he underwent some tests and felt some reaction when a needle was injected during a blood test. He vomited again. Defendant said he suffered from catarrh and vomited when he oversmoked, but not when he drank a lot.

After the test the doctor told him that he (defendant) showed no signs of intoxication, but the answer depended on the report.

Defendant told the Court that from time to time he would be sick especially when under heavy tension. During the last two weeks he had experienced this violently. That day he had complete control.

Defendant said he had been driving since 1939. In reply to a suggestion by the prosecution that his light beam could be seen some 100 feet ahead, he said it could not be so far. His brakes were in good order.

Mr. Binstead asserted that he could not understand why defendant did not see the taxi when his light beam was some 100 feet ahead on a clear road. Defendant replied that he was engrossed with taking care at the approach of the car that he did not see the cab. When he noticed it, it was then too late to stop immediately.

Mr. Strellet then entered the box as "witness of experience." He said that before coming up to Court on April 1, he brought defendant to see a doctor, with whom they discussed the case and condition of defendant. While witness was talking to the doctor, he suddenly noticed that Tucker had started to be sick and appeared to be highly nervous. He could not say, however, whether that was a result of the discussion.

Cumbersome

In his submission, Mr. Strellet suggested that the Court visit the scene of the accident. Mr. Tam said that he had passed by and had studied it. He said that a utility van was very cumbersome to drive and that to reverse three times was not "extremely bad driving."

Defence Counsel declared

P.O. On Serious Charge

Petty Officer Bertram William Knight, 28, of H.M.S. King Salvor, and Lam Yip, 24, tricycle coolie, appeared before Mr. Justice Williams (Chief Justice) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Knight was charged with having committed an indecent offence, attempting to commit an indecent offence, indecent assault and gross indecency, while Lam faced three charges of aiding and abetting.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector Shaw, is appearing for the Crown. Mr. Brook A. Bernatchi, instructed by Mr. A. S. C. Comer, is appearing for Knight.

Knight and the coolie are alleged by the prosecution to have been caught in a public latrine in Ice House Street.

After the Crown's opening and evidence by various witnesses for the prosecution, the case was adjourned till this morning.

UNMANIFESTED CARGO

On the application of Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, Kwok Kam-sang (29) merchant of Room 101 Rose Hotel, was formally recommended for a week on the charge of importing four cases of Penicillin, valued at \$18,000, at Kai Tak Airfield on April 3 without permit.

The unmanifested cargo, it was alleged, was found in the possession of accused by Revenue Officer Carroll when he (accused) arrived by a PAL plane at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Accused was allowed bail of \$500 cash.

that the Court had been misinformed of the case and the prosecution had built up their evidence (although without dishonesty) in an attempt to bolster up the charges. "This business of smuggling of liquor is typical of it," Mr. Strellet said.

The case could happen to anybody, he contended. Evidence showed quite clearly that the taxi had no lights on. A taxi parking on a highway (he could not say whether there was any law prohibiting that) is taking a risk, he declared. A driver momentarily distracted by the lights of an oncoming car would be put into an awkward position with a stationary car ahead — which is the risk taken by the parked vehicle.

The prosecution had not produced sufficient evidence to prove that defendant was negligent. He challenged the medical report given by the prosecution. The tests were deplorable. The results of the tests were unreliable.

The doctor, he observed, was far in saying that it was not a case of clear drunkenness.

Reviewing the prosecution evidence, defence counsel said this way he gave his evidence, which he termed fair. He (Tucker) did not suspect intoxication until he observed defendant's walk and when he vomited.

This was a case in which it would be wrong and dangerous to convict on the charges, and they must be treated separately, he added.

Juryman Absent

Mr. J. M. dos Ramos, Assistant Manager, Starbright Trading Co., Queen's Road, Central, who failed to answer to his name when called for jury service at the Supreme Court yesterday, was fined \$30 by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice). Mr. Ramos explained, when later brought before the Court, that he had omitted to attend through an oversight owing to pressure of work.

Mr. R. K. Hariram, of Messrs. Hariram & Hariram, 51 Nathan Road, who also failed to answer to his name, was similarly fined. Mr. Hariram said that he had applied for exemption. He produced a copy of a letter, together with Medical Certificate, but admitted that he had not received official information that his request had been granted.

Police Constable Fined \$300

Charged with demanding money with menaces, Police Constable 1587 Shum Mun-wing, 23, of No. 66, Electric Road, was fined \$300 or three months' hard labour by Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Shum was charged with demanding \$40 from Au Kaa on Feb. 8 at Wing Lok Street near the Tin Nam Tea House with intent to steal.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ represented defendant, while DSI Morrison conducted the prosecution.

Mr. C.A.S. Russ represented defendant, while DSI Morrison conducted the prosecution. DSI Morrison told the Court that the complainant, Au Kaa, is now serving a prison sentence. A female had lost \$50 near the Western Market before Au's arrest, and had reported to the defendant.

Defendant located Au in the Tin Nam Tea House and received \$40 from Au, who promised to pay the remaining \$10 later. Au reported the incident to DSI Morrison and was given a marked bill to pay defendant, who was arrested.

Mr. Russ said that defendant, who had a clear 18-month police record, did what he thought best to rectify a wrong.

Mr. Tam said defendant had done wrong in not informing his superior officer.

The general public expects, and does have a certain amount of confidence in the integrity of our police force, Mr. Tam remarked. "It does not matter how high your motive may be, you must not do what you are not supposed to do."

Taking into consideration defendant's clear record and that he had been in custody since Feb. 11, Mr. Tam gave him the option of a fine.

Opium Found In Drawer

At the back of a drawer in 28, Kalam Terrace was 70 tacks of raw opium which were found by R.O. Smead when he raided the second floor on April 3.

When Cheung Shing, alias Cheung Tak Choo, appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of being in possession of the opium he pleaded "Guilty."

He said the opium had been brought to his home and his friend had asked him to look after it for him.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada told defendant that he considered possession of opium a very serious offence and that he met go to prison and not be given the option of a fine.

Defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment. Six months' hard labour was also imposed on Sze Tai Muk when he appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada yesterday on the charge of possessing seven tacks of raw opium.

S.R.O. W. Humphreys said that the opium was found on board the S.S. "Hal Yang" hidden in a basket of eggs.

Tories Gaining Ground

London, Apr. 4.

Early returns this morning in Britain's local government election showed more than 4-1 Conservative gains.

Conservatives gained 62 seats and suffered only four losses, while Labour gained only 15 seats and lost 100.

Polling for 9,882 council seats in more than 500 rural and urban districts will continue until Tuesday.

The 5,350 candidates include 1,042 Conservatives, 382 others with Conservative support, 1,612 Labour, 170 Liberals, 54 Communists and the remainder Independent.

Later, the Conservative Central Office said that Conservative gains were 121, with 13 losses, against 40 gains and 95 losses by the Labour Party and nine gains and eight losses by Liberals. — Associated Press.

Petty Thefts Sequel

The revenue staff were under suspicion as there had been a large number of petty thefts from seizures made on ships but now we think that there must be some chollies who go among the revenue officers when they are carrying the seized goods off the ships," said S.R.O. W. Humphreys yesterday.

Mr. Humphreys was prosecuting Yiu Tak-yen, 31, unemployed, who was appearing at the Central Magistracy on a charge of attempted larceny from a gunny bag, the property of the L. and E., and maliciously damaging the gunny bag by cutting it with a knife.

Defendant pleaded "Not guilty" to both charges.

CRO 201 said that he was carrying a gunny bag with seized goods in it on board the S.S. "Wing Sang" when he heard the sound of cutting from behind and thought it was his gunny bag being slashed. He immediately shouted and CRO 6 came on the scene.

CRO 3 said that he heard CRO 201 shout that his gunny bag was being cut. He saw defendant drop an open penknife and turn away. He caught hold of the man and had him arrested.

Defendant said that he did not drop the knife and that there were two men arrested and told to go to the L. and E. office. The other man, he claimed, was allowed to go free. The CRO's both denied that another man had been arrested at the same time as defendant.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada found defendant "Guilty" and sentenced him to six months' hard labour, with a recommendation for banishment.

To Be Wed

The forthcoming weddings have been announced.

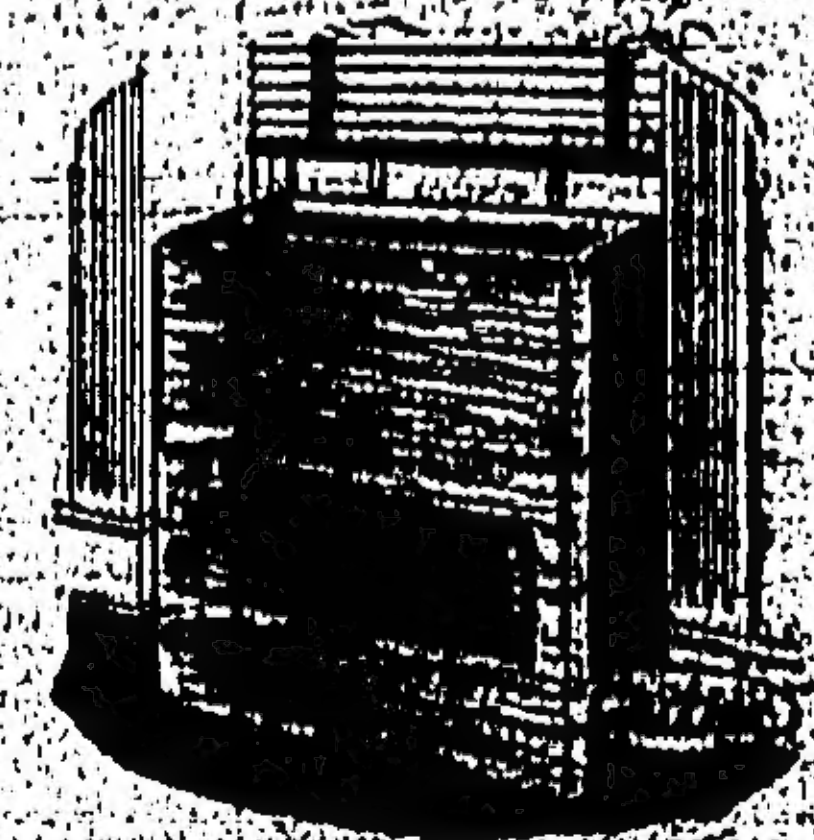
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Candidates should be not less than 20 years of age, and should have passed the Hong Kong School Leaving Examination or its equivalent. They will be required to furnish satisfactory references and pass a medical examination for physical fitness.

Applications, in candidates' own handwriting, should be addressed to the Government Pathologist, Pathological Institute, Caine Road, from whom further details of the appointment and conditions of service may be obtained.

I. NEWTON, Director of Medical Services.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE R.A.S.C. ASSOCIATION

Approval has been given to the formation of a permanent branch of the R.A.S.C. Association (formerly known as the R.A.S.C. Regimental Association) in Hong Kong.

1. Membership is open to officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men who have at any time served, or are now serving in the R.A.S.C., or officers and other ranks of the Allied Army Service Corps who have served therein prior to 3 Sept. 39.

2. Will all ex-Corps personnel (officers and other ranks) who are interested please communicate with Lieut-Colonel E. G. HAZELTON, O.B.E., C.R.A.S.C. H.Q. Land Forces, Whitefield Barracks, Kowloon (Tel: 34121, Ext. 70).

3. Details of time and date of the inaugural meeting will be notified later.

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Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. E. TERRY, Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. E. Terry, Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

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SINO-BRITISH CLUB

A meeting of the Sino-British Club will be held in conjunction with the Portuguese Institute at the Club Lusitano, 16 Ice House Street (top floor), on Friday, 9th April, 1948, at 6 p.m.

The speaker on this occasion will be:

FR. F. CRONIN, S.J.,

whose subject will be:

"MATEUS RICCI IN CHINA"

As this is the first General Meeting for some time, members are requested to do all in their power to make it a success.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 21st April, 1948, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 7th April, 1948, to WEDNESDAY, 21st April, 1948, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, B. C. FIELD, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th March, 1948.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association will be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall on Thursday, April 8th at 5.30 p.m. His Excellency the Governor has kindly agreed to be present. All who are interested in the work of the Association are cordially invited.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 17th April, 1948 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries: close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 8th April, 1948.

By Order, S. A. SLEAP, Acig. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

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CHIANG STILL BEST CHOICE National Assembly And Presidency Generalissimo's Warning

Nanking, Apr. 5. In spite of President Chiang Kai-shek's refusal to run for the Presidency, all members of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee remain convinced that the Party could name no other Presidential candidate over and above him. With the issue still unresolved towards the end of the Kuomintang session yesterday, the Executive Committee decided to hold another conference on Tuesday when efforts will be concentrated on the nomination of a Presidential candidate, while the Vice-Presidential aspirants will be allowed to stand as they are.

At yesterday's session, President Chiang also sounded a warning that unless a supreme effort is made within the next two years "all will be lost" to the Kuomintang. Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Foreign Minister, led the speakers at yesterday's meeting in advocating Party nomination of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates on the ground that while two minority parties were not participating in their Presidential race, the Kuomintang should limit candidates to only those with the highest qualifications.

Chiung's Views. It is held possible that if Party nomination is insisted upon, consequences similar to the still unsettled National Assembly election dispute might follow.

Yesterday's long-drawn out debate, in which more than 20 members spoke, ended with a personal view expressed by President Chiang that Presidential candidates should be nominated by the Party, while Vice-Presidential candidates may run freely. —Reuter-AAP.

FURTHER CHAOS?

Nanking, Apr. 5. As the National Assembly ended its first week yesterday a movement is now gaining ground to write amendments into China's constitution which promise to bring even more chaos into the Assembly and possibly necessitate its extension beyond the three-week period.

"Young Marshal" To Be Freed?

Nanking, Apr. 5. The Young Marshal, Chang Hsueh-ling, under detention by the Nationalist Government since the Sian Incident of 1936 (in which he kidnapped Chiang Kai-shek) will be released shortly, the Vice-Presidential candidate, Mo Te-hui, told a news conference today. Mo Te-hui, State Councilman from Manchuria and former lieutenant to the Young Marshal, declined to furnish details, but insisted the Government would shortly end the long detention. Chang is now in Taiwan, where he was taken more than a year ago. —Associated Press.

ILL-INFORMED WAR TALK

Sydney, Apr. 4. Much of America's war talk was "ill-informed" and did not help the work of the United Nations, Mr. J. D. L. Hood, leader of the Australian mission to the United Nations, said here today. Recent events in world affairs demonstrated more clearly than before that the United Nations must provide a basis for any satisfactory settlement of international disputes, he said.

THEY'LL BE BACK

By railway alone, 61,847 people left the Colony for Canton between Mar. 25 and April 4. It was officially learned yesterday.

The majority of these passengers went to Canton to observe the Ching King Festival. Many also went by riverboat.

The total exodus is estimated at 100,000. An Arts Exhibition of Western and Oriental Paintings by Prof. Kuo Tik-sung, in aid of the Home will be held today between 10 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. at the Christian Central Mission Hall, First Floor, Prince's Building, Ice House Street. The exhibition, which started officially yesterday at the Jacobson Room, Hongkong Hotel, will end on April 10.

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LANCASTER'S RECORD

London, Apr. 4. Flying in a thunderstorm and battling against 55-miles an hour headwinds, a converted Lancaster air tanker today carried out "the most successful refuelling operation to date" over the Atlantic.

The air tanker took off from the Irish coast, and transferred 750 gallons of petrol to a British Overseas Airways Corporation freight-carrying Liberator, flying from London to Montreal.

The fuel was transferred at the rate of 125 gallons a minute—five gallons a minute better than the previous best—Reuter.

"Prevalent Crime" In Mong Kok

Wong Kai, 18-year-old apprentice, was so engrossed in his marketing at Canton Road, near Mong Kok Market, about 4.50 p.m. on April 4, that he did not know that some one was trying to pick his pocket, even after he had turned round.

Police constables 272 and 55 saw Hang Fook (10) going up to Wong and put his hand into the lower left pocket of the apprentice's jacket.

Hang's accomplices, Fung Sai (28), was also arrested. The whole incident was related to Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr by Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth at Kowloon yesterday when Hang was charged with attempted larceny, and Fung with aiding and abetting.

This type of crime, said SI Howarth, is at present very prevalent in the Mong Kok district. First defendant, with three previous convictions, and three expelled from the Colony, was sentenced to a year's hard labour and recommended for banishment. Fung was sent down for six months with hard labour.

GOLD NUGGET CONFISCATED

Tsang Kam-yung, 26-year-old married woman of 47 Chungking Arcade, had her ball of 550 cat-treated and a gold nugget (weighing 1 1/2 ounces) confiscated when she failed to appear before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday to answer the charge of importing the gold nugget without a permit.

The gold was found in accused's possession by Police Searcher 95 at Kai Tak Airfield on April 4, said Revenue Officer D. Knox, and was valued at \$400.

DIZZY SPIRAL CONTINUES

Shanghai, Apr. 5. China's inflationary cycle completed another dizzy spin today when railway, postal, telegraph, long-distance telephone, gas, water and electric light rates were increased from 80 to 150 per cent.

This followed the rise in the cost of living index at the end of March, which showed an increase of 43 per cent.

At the same time, the Restaurant Guild announced that all meal prices will be adjusted each month in line with the Municipal Government's food index. —Reuter.

CN\$44 MILLION CONFISCATED

Yiu Shiu-wah, 34, and Cheu Shiu-keung, 30, both had their ball of \$10 estimated by Mr. A. J. Clifford at Central Magistracy yesterday, when they failed to answer a charge of importing CN\$21,000,000 and CN\$23,000,000, respectively, without a permit.

In view of both defendants' absence, Inspector Brownrigg applied for confiscation of the CN\$21,000,000 to the Superintendent of I and E. The application was granted.

Short Change From Banks

Shanghai, Apr. 5. Short-changing of customers over bank counters—where billions and trillions of inflated Chinese dollars pass daily—is becoming a major racket here.

Customers come in and cash cheques and if they were to count every dollar given them the job would take five to ten minutes, and hours in the case of a big amount.

The clerks take advantage of the customers by giving them smaller denomination notes (5,000 and 10,000 Chinese dollars notes are considered low denominations here) which they seldom have the time or patience to count.

One firm which kept track of its losses reported the final accounts showed a five per cent "squeeze" by slippery clerks and accountants.

The money usually comes in million-dollar bundles and another concern figured \$100,000 is missing from each bundle.

Earlier, the banks refunded shortages if the bundles of money were brought back containing the bank's seal. The practice has since been cancelled and signs in all banks warn customers to count their money. —United Press.

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BRITAIN'S BUDGET

The first Budget for which Sir Stafford Cripps is directly responsible, and which he will present to Parliament today, promises to be the most interesting and crucial for years, although there are no expectations of fundamental taxation changes, either for better or for worse.

Main background to it, of course, is the very heavy surplus of income over expenditure during the last year, amounting to well over £600,000,000.

To outside observers this huge internal surplus must seem paradoxical when it is taken in conjunction with indications that Britain is struggling against tremendous odds to avert economic disaster problems, which are only to a limited extent modified by the passage of the Aid Bill in Washington and its signature by President Truman.

In normal times, a Budget surplus indicates current or recent prosperity. Conditions today are, however, a long way from normal and the very size of the surplus is a significant underlining of the unbalanced state of Britain's economy. Part of it for instance represents, in actual fact, the conversion of Britain's dollar loan into goods which have been sold to British manufacturers for sterling on Government account. Another part represents the holding back (by taxation) of the spending potential of the country internally to prevent it competing in home markets which are already markedly short of consumer goods.

Unless the Government had achieved this surplus, the money would have been running round loose and tending to force prices up higher. There is no reason to expect Sir Stafford Cripps to do what normally he would be happy to do, that is to say, absorb the surplus by repayment of debt or by slashes in taxation. On the contrary, while there may be one or two light reliefs, the Chancellor is more than likely to make other adjustments which will take away with the right hand what has been conceded to the left. Austerity Britain still has a hard row to hoe before she can be regarded as recovered from the tremendous dislocation in overseas trade caused by the war.

Russians Pause

The Russians in Berlin have paused, after an obviously calculated move in the cold war, designed to test nerves at a critical juncture in European affairs. The immediate tension may be considered over, without providing a substantial easing of minds. The Russians have shown plainly enough that they have no intention of operating four-power government in Berlin on any basis of give and take or cooperation. The bluff has been called but temporarily, doubtless while they look around for another way of playing their hand.

A Queer Conception

The Russians announced they would attack in four days. Once before the enemy made known his intentions in this way and then actually launched the attack.

One just doesn't know what to make of this queer conception of propaganda. For the enemy the net result was that his losses were all the greater. My articles in the Reich are the present the most popular material for discussion on the entire front. This is very encouraging.

From the interior of the country I have received similar reports. It fills one with joy. A merry flight has broken out in Australia about MacArthur's judgment.

The Americans would like to give him the supreme command without any strings attached, but the Australians don't seem very much inclined to approve. It appears they have seen through this American movie general with his somewhat unimpressive propaganda methods.

In any case the Americans' political and military prestige has sunk very low. April 20: The Americans are bragging about millions of soldiers whom they are training by all rules of the book for every theatre of war.

It would be better if some tens of thousands of these soldiers were already in the zones where fighting is actually taking place. The latest act of sabotage (in France) against a German military train resulting in several deaths will be punished with severe reprisals.

The number of people to be shot will be doubled and over a thousand Communists and Jews will be put into guards' vans and shipped east. There they will soon cease to see any fun in disturbing Germany's politics for order in Europe.

Gandhi Interview

Gandhi gave an interview in which he once again urged non-resistance. He is a fool whose politics drag India further and further into misfortune. The birthday of the Fuehrer was celebrated in the late afternoon by an impressive demonstration in the Berlin Philharmonic Hall.

All who have rank or power in the State, the Party, and the Wehrmacht were assembled there. My speech met with great approval. In the evening Goering issued a birthday proclamation to the German people in which he paid tribute to the personality of the Fuehrer in very dignified language.

April 21: The military commander in France has adopted more stringent measures on account of railway sabotage. Thirty hostages (Jews and persons close to the perpetrators) are to be shot instead of the 20 originally intended.

If the perpetrators are not caught within three days an additional 80 will be shot and a thousand Jews and Communists (instead of the five hundred originally intended) will be deported eastward.

The English are at present in a very difficult military position. The Bolsheviks are demanding more of them than they are at present ready or even able to give. They have to do a lot of bragging.

Embarrassment

This cause us a certain embarrassment since we consider better not to say the easily exaggerated reports they issue about the success of the British air raids. The German people, of course, are quite aware of the "efficiency" of these air attacks.

When, for example, the English claim that they have destroyed the Ruhr region almost completely, everybody knows this is a stupid and obvious lie with which to impress the Bolsheviks. When, on the other hand, our exceedingly reliable reports on the English as represented by the English as fun for the Maltese population, that merely shows with what cynicism the London plutocrats fight their war.

We have received a report from a deserter from Leningrad according to conditions there must be simply catastrophic. The deserter claimed that more than 1,000,000 people had already died of hunger.

He claimed also that a great part of the population was feeding on so-called human flesh jelly made of the flesh of dead or fallen citizens and soldiers. The report is so revolting that it makes one's stomach turn to read it.

Paris Reprisals

During the night another fatal attempt was made on the life of a German soldier in Paris. The reprisals are very severe. Ten hostages are being shot, 500 Communists, de Gaulists, and Jews shipped to an eastern labour camp, the curfew hour is being set much earlier, and theatres, cinemas, and places of amusement closed altogether.



function properly during the last raid on Kiel, in the course of which several battleships and the Monte Sarmiento were seriously damaged.

This denial by the naval command is not very convincing. The leadership of the German Navy isn't what it ought to be. There is too much praying going on there and not enough work. [Grand Admiral Erich Raeder was a staunch Protestant.]

The inhabitants of the Ukraine were at first more than inclined to regard the Fuehrer as the saviour of Europe, and to welcome the German Wehrmacht most cordially.

This attitude has changed completely in the course of months. We have hit the Russians, and especially the Ukrainians, too hard on the head with our manner of dealing with them. A clout on the head is not always a convincing argument.

During the evening we had a little party at home, and I had an opportunity to speak at length and alone to the daughter of the Duke, Countess Clano. She impressed me this time as exceptionally serious and earnest. She is extremely intelligent, and when one talks to her at length she reveals herself as the real daughter of her father.

Russian Deserters

April 24: The number of [Russian] deserters is on the increase, although the Bolsheviks have heard about executions, exposure to freezing, and bad treatment in our prisoner-of-war camps, and are therefore afraid of German imprisonment.

My Bolsheviks made clever use of such information. For instance, they gathered together soldiers who had returned from German imprisonment in schools where they were briefly indoctrinated and then sent round various troop elements to deliver lectures about the cruel treatment of prisoners by the Germans.

Instructions have now been issued by us for better treatment of Soviet prisoners and for differentiation between the treatment of deserters: of real prisoners.

I have received statistics about the number of Jews in the American radio, film, and Press industries. The percentage is truly terrifying. Jews are 100 per cent. in control of the film, and 90 to 95 per cent. of the Press and radio.

That fact explains the confused spiritual conduct of the war by the enemy. The Jews are not always as clever as they would like themselves to believe. Whenever they are in danger they prove to be excessively stupid.

My health leaves much to be desired at present, and I believe I shall need health more than anything else during the difficult months ahead.

April 25: Our Admiralty has energetically denied the allegation that the air defences did not

The Fuehrer Angry At Escape Of General Giraud

They must receive at least enough food and clothing to retain their capacity for work. The Fuehrer arrived in Berlin at noon. I had a talk with him. He looks wonderfully healthy, and is in the best spiritual and physical condition. However, he is in a thoroughly bad humour about the poor anti-aircraft defence at Rostock.

Escape of Giraud

In addition, the Fuehrer is in a black rage about the escape of General Giraud. He agrees that the Press take a hand in the search for him, and offers a reward of 100,000 marks for his capture.

Anybody who extends aid and protection to him is to be punished by death. Giraud is extraordinarily dangerous. If he succeeds in fleeing to England he will surely replace General de Gaulle, who is of weak spiritual and moral calibre.

The navy's building activities do not meet with the Fuehrer's approval. The navy is about as unmodern as anything can be. It has no leadership of any calibre, and therefore does not exhaust the possibilities that present themselves. And inventions offered are used only sparingly.

In this connection the Fuehrer expressed the opinion that the State should buy up every invention, even though it cannot be used for the moment. Inventions must never be sold to foreign countries.

Unfortunately, experiences in World War I ought really to deter us from irresponsible treatment of German inventive genius.

The Tank

The tank was invented by a German-Austrian, but was then sold to England because there was no interest in it in Germany. The State must be much more careful in this matter.

But just as you cannot expect a cow to lay eggs, so you cannot expect a bureaucrat to look after the interests of the State properly in such matters.

In judging our possibilities (for an offensive in the East) the Fuehrer is exceptionally optimistic. He has received very depressing reports about internal conditions in the Soviet Union. They have nothing to do with the fact that the Jews have brought so much misery to our continent that the secret service punishment meted out to them is still too mild.

The Reichstag convened at 3 p.m. There was an atmosphere of great tension. After a brief introduction by Goering the Fuehrer spoke. He was in good form, even though he spoke rather haltingly at first. He told me after his speech that he felt rather numb. The terrific physical and spiritual exertions which he had to make during the winter have taken their toll after all.

Soon, however, he became fired with enthusiasm. He criticised Churchill in a superior and extraordinarily ingenious manner. The generals were put in their place. He also spoke of individuals who failed at critical moments and lost their nerve. In this connection the Fuehrer demanded absolute plenary powers for himself even with reference to individuals. The demand was approved enthusiastically and noisily.

Goering then introduced the new Bill giving the Fuehrer full powers to remove officials and judges whenever he considers it necessary. The new law was passed amid stormy salvos of applause.

After the speech I had another long conversation with the Fuehrer. He was very happy to have talked himself out.

Need of Holiday

The Fuehrer told me that the condition of his health was such that he simply must take three months' leave sometime. But when, how, and where can he go on holiday? He realises himself that it can't be done. And yet he is distinctly overworked.

"Thank God, at least he will now go to the Obersalzberg for a few days, even though it be for important talks with the Duke. The Obersalzberg always has a soothing effect on him. The Fuehrer must now be very careful about his health. For this reason we installed six spotlights in the Reichstag. There is always the danger that he might suffer a dangerous collapse during a very severe strain.

It is touching to hear the Fuehrer express his wish that he may be privileged to live to see the day of victory. The visions he has of the coming peace are truly intoxicating.

April 28: The air raid last night on Rostock was even more devastating than those before it. Community life there is practically at an end. The situation is in some sections catastrophic. I gave orders to have handbills printed with pictures of the damage done in Luebeck and Rostock, and under them, the Fuehrer's announcement of his Reichstag speech, that reprisals are coming. These handbills are to be dropped in great quantities over the English cities that are to be attacked. I expect quite a psychological effect from this.

(To Be Continued)

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner

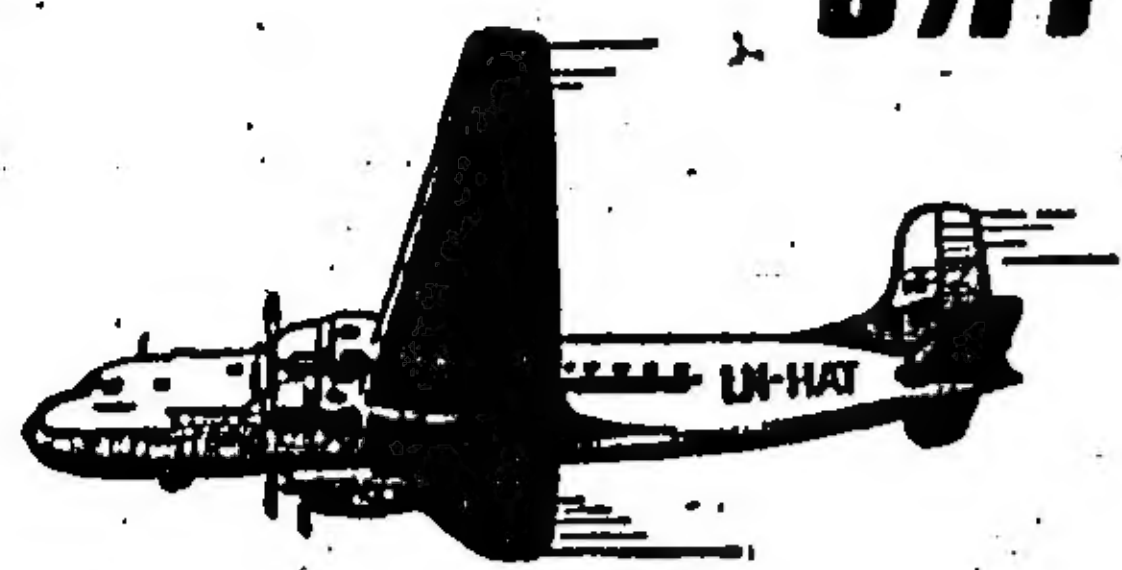


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BUDGET DAY IN LONDON

No Surprises Expected From Cripps

Possible Cut In Tobacco Duty

London, Apr. 4.

Britons, who usually love to try to guess the surprises
in the annual National Budget, don't seem to
care much this year.

The budget, to be opened in Parliament on Tuesday
afternoon, seems to hold no prospect of any
sizeable tax cut. Neither is it likely that the
Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford
Cripps, will try to run his fingers much deeper
in the taxpayers' pockets.

That takes the stakes out of
the guessing game.

For good or ill, the taxpayers'
fate already has been written
and packed away in the Chan-
cellor's red leather despatch box.

Sir Stafford retreated to a
study over the garage at his
farm in a wooded West Country
valley to finish his job. His bud-
get is one of the biggest secrets in
the United Kingdom yet no
Scotland Yard special agent nor
even the local constable guard-
ed the door.

Neither Sir Stafford nor any
member of the Government
dares to drop even the slightest
hint of what's in store.

The only persistent report
among the budget guessers in
newspaper and financial circles
is that Sir Stafford will likely
whittle a bit from the price of
tobacco.

Higher duties imposed a year
ago added 1/- to a packet of 20
cigarettes bringing the price up
to 3/4d. a packet.

The object was to get the
citizenry to trim its smoking and
thus cut down on dollar-costing
imports of U.S. tobacco which
Britons prefer.

Now the guessers believe
tobacco will be coming in under
the Marshall Plan and the Chan-
cellor can afford to cheapen
"smokes" a little.

Sir Stafford could afford to cut
taxes. The Treasury piled up a
surplus of £638,000,000 in the
financial year which ended last
Wednesday.

Inflation Problem

But one of his biggest prob-
lems is to combat inflation, and
the Government figures one
good way to do it is to soak
up a lot of purchasing power
in taxes.

The guessers believe the basic
rate of income tax... 45 percent
...will stay unchanged. There
is some speculation that
exemptions may be broadened a
little to free more lower paid
workmen from income taxes.

Sir Stafford may alter purchase
taxes. They were raised drastical-
ly last November. Since then
spending has dried up and
shelves are fuller. Financial cir-
cles are not worried. The market
has been advancing slowly but
steadily for about a month.—As-
sociated Press.

GANDHI'S CREED ONLY WAY TO PEACE

New Delhi, Apr. 4.

So long as nations did not recognise the supremacy
of moral law in national and international
relations, they would have no enduring peace,
Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister,
broadcasting to the United States, declared to-
day.

"So long as we do not adhere to the right means, the
end will not be right, and fresh evil will flow
from it," he said.

"That was the essence of
Gandhi's message, and mankind
will have to appreciate it in or-
der to see and act clearly."

The broadcast was linked with
the Chicago University's round-
table radio programme.

"Gandhi's teachings," Pandit
Nehru said, "may seem fantastic
and impractical in the modern
world, used as it is to thinking
in set grooves. Yet we have seen
repeatedly the failure of other
methods, and nothing can be
less practical than to pursue
methods which have failed
again and again."

"If of this fear and base our
thoughts and actions, on what is
essentially right and moral, and
then gradually the crisis of the
spirit will be resolved, the dark
clouds that surround us may lift,
and the way to the evolution of
a world order based on freedom
be clear."—Reuter.

The Real Guarantor Of Peace?

Budapest, Apr. 4.

Dr. Matyas Rakosi, the Com-
munist Deputy Prime Minister
of Hungary, addressing 100,000
peasants at Sarosbatak, today,
said the real guarantor of peace
in the Soviet Union, "even with
the atom bomb in her posses-
sion."

He claimed that Hungarian
peasants were moving towards
the Communist Party even in the
predominantly agricultural parts
of the country.

The Hungarian Government, he
said, had invited 100 Austrian
workers to Hungary to give them
a chance to "look behind the
iron curtain," but the Austrians
had refused the invitation.

A Russian military delegation,
headed by Colonel - General
Vladimir Kurasov, commander of
the Russian forces in Austria,
took part today in celebrations
marking the third anniversary of
Hungary's liberation.—Reuter.

ILOILO ROCKED

Manila, Apr. 4.

The southern Philippine city of
Iloilo was rocked by an earth-
quake at about 9:14 a.m. on Sat-
urday morning, according to re-
ports reaching Manila today.

The tremors lasted 15 seconds.
No casualties were reported.—
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Italian Border Incident

Rome, Apr. 5.

An angry crowd of 4,000 Ita-
lians attempted to storm across
the border into Yugoslavia on
Sunday after breaking up a
Communist rally in Gorizia,
telephoned despatches from that
northern city said.

The crowd, singing patriotic
songs and shouting "down with
Communism," was halted at the
Italo-Yugoslav border by border
guards and two companies of
Italian infantry.

Gorizia, an Italian city of 50,000
inhabitants, is just within the
border from what now is Yugo-
slav territory.

Earlier, the crowd blocked off
a square in Gorizia where Com-
munist had arranged a meeting.
An estimated 50 Communists who
tried to enter the square on
bicycles were thrown out.

First reports said there were
"some injuries," but no details
were available.—Associated Press.

B.C.O.F. Useless?

Sydney, Apr. 4.

The role of the British Com-
monwealth Occupation Force in
Japan was so ineffective that it
should be recalled, Mr. E. J.
Thwaites, war crimes prosecutor
with the Australian forces in
Japan, said today on his return
to Australia.

Most Australians believed the
BCOF commanded a big area of
Japan, Mr. Thwaites said. Ac-
tually the area was administered
by an American Military Gov-
ernment team from the United
States Eighth Army Headquar-
ters.

The BCOF had no Govern-
mental responsibility and there
was no political reason for the
force to stay in Japan at an
estimated cost of between £20,-
000,000 and £30,000,000, he
said.

Mr. Thwaites, a Melbourne
barrister, alleged that many Jap-
anese war criminals were escap-
ing through lack of coordination
of Australian and American
legal teams.—Reuter.

BEATIFICATION AT ST. PETER'S

Vatican City, Apr. 4.

The first beatification in 1948
took place today at the basilica
of St. Peter before thousands of
pilgrims who convened in Rome
to witness the first step towards
the sanctification of Fr. Pierre
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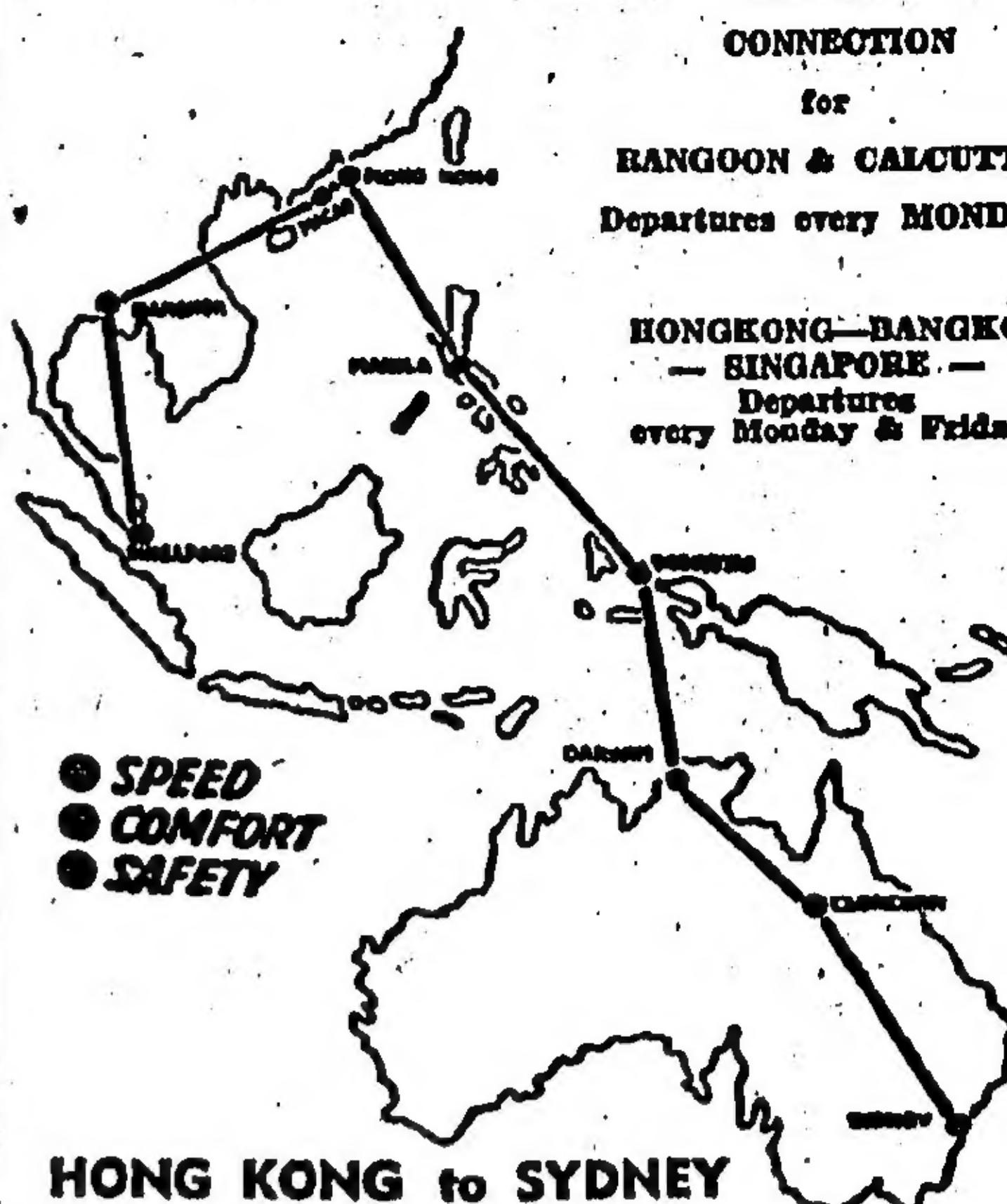
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Woman Today

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

Our milliners have decided to launch an attack on the national habit of wearing scarves on our heads. The attack is sustained and cunning. They do not mention scarves; but you may have seen the new posters: "A Hat Gives You Confidence."

Personally I am a sucker for hats, so I don't need any urging; all I need is the money to pay for 'em.

Anyway, half a dozen of our most exclusive designers threw a party at the Hungaria on Tuesday evening, and around 10.30 paraded their latest Ascot creations in front of the astonished customers.

Age Thaurup, the Queen's milliner, who sat next to me, was as jumpy as a kitten before the show, and obviously wished he'd never agreed to take part.

"These people came here to have their dinner," he agonised to me, "they may not want to see hats. Maybe the men will whistle."

"Surely a hat's no good unless it makes men want to whistle," I argued. But he refused to be consoled.

It turned out that the hats were mostly pretty, provoking "oohs" and "ahs" rather than wolf-calls. Practically all were veiled and flower-trimmed. The wildest was the Red Tape Hat—a black straw bonnet decorated with a double row of roses made from black tulle and red tape.

Sales Talk

One man at least was so appreciative that he insisted on buying a black felt bonnet on the spot. Thaurup, a short, voluble character with witty blue eyes, demurred. "I'm sure it's illegal to sell hats after six o'clock at night," he told the lucky little woman. "Why don't you come round to my place in the morning?"

"Oh, no," she protested, "I'd never get my husband into a hat salon."

"If that is so, madame," said Thaurup, "I'd better start carrying a tray of hats round the Dorchester every evening following the girl with cigarettes."

Every milliner I spoke to swore he hated having to charge 18 or 20 guineas for a hat. Thaurup has already launched a series of less expensive hats for the

By NORAH ALEXANDER

Teens and Twenties, hopes soon to extend this to other age groups too.

A Star Quiz

Irene, the M.G.M. fashion designer, has been quizzing the

studio's male stars as to what things annoy them most in women's dress.

Clark Gable, apparently, is allergic to masculine suits. This will hardly endear him to British women, who wear suits more than anyone.

Frank Sinatra must suffer hourly since he wears the dark red finger-nails so very common in the States. Equally

conservative is Walter Pidgeon, who turned thumbs down on slacks. This is a particularly natural reaction for a film star. Slacks are worn and nauseum in every studio.

The most original comment came from Van Johnson, who thought wedge heels the most unfattering thing a woman could wear. It's true the newest, smartest shoes don't have them, but I'm betting they'll be with us for some years yet for less formal wear.

Sorry, Mother

When people write to me inquiring how to get their photographic children "into films," I have to write back saying it's illegal for children under 12 to work in films, anyway.

There are various ways round this, such as borrowing children belonging to technicians or stars.

All our producers are agreed that something should be done to regularise the situation so that, with suitable safeguards, bright children can be used.

Recently Carol ("Odd Man Out") Reed has imported an angelic eight-year-old, Bobbie Henrey, from France, to play a bilingual part in the Ralph Richardson-Michele Morgan picture, "The Lost Illusion."

The boy has an unusually big part in the picture, and his mother, who came with him, found to her horror he was getting fat and tired on English food.

Too Much Starch

"We didn't get enough to eat at first," she says. "It was all bread and buns and starch. English children eat too much starch, and they seem fat to us. In France you have not enough of anything, and the children are rather thin."

With true French determination Mrs. Henrey (she's married to an Englishman) begged an egg here and an egg there, coaxed a little milk from this source and a little meat from that. She cut out the starch entirely, made Bobbie less and rest a lot.

Evening Ensemble



This evening ensemble from Christian Dior's new Spring collection in Paris is called "Bajazet." It has a black Ottoman jacket with wide basques, worn over a strapless gown, with narrow skirt split, to the knee.

How The "Page Boy" Maternity Gown Originated

It's a thrilling thing to see three sisters operate successfully as a team. When you encounter the three Texas (U.S.A.) "Page Boy" girls who have built up a million-dollar business in Dallas since starting from scratch in 1939, you are really seeing how sisters working together can make their teamwork pay.

None of the Frangfort girls had had any previous business experience. Edna was married. Edna was studying design at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. The only big news in the family at the moment was that Edna-Mrs. Ravine was expecting a baby. And thereby hangs this tale.

One day Edna decided to make Edna a dress. Thus the first "Page Boy" maternity costume was designed. Nobody called the dress that Edna made for her sister a "Page Boy."

No one dreamed that a business was being started when Edna dressed up in her smart beige gabardine suit with its bright striped skirt and went out to finish her shopping. But they all felt happy when Edna came home with her eyes shining. "I know," Edna exclaimed to Edna, "that dress must be good! A woman stopped me on the street and asked if I were a model!"

Promising Start

The girls decided it must be Edna's dress. This was going to be fun. She'd make another. "And," said Edna, "the first thing you know she had made me quite a wardrobe—all clothes I liked to wear. She thought up a beige skirt that was practically itself. I wore not only that, but

other things like it that she made, and I interchanged my clothes just as I'd always done. Edna, in spite of the fact that she was majoring in mathematics, wasn't doing so badly as a designer of good-looking maternity clothes.

"It's been seven years since I had that baby," Mrs. Ravine said, with her contagious smile, "and in the meantime we've launched our business and designed many kinds of maternity clothes, but we've never found anything more suitable for an expectant mother than the original skirt Edna designed so blithely for me at that time."

"Since then we've had a good many 'firsts' to our credit in this field. We were first to introduce the jumper in maternity clothes, and the jerkin. We liked these particularly because they allowed for frequent blouse changes. It is less expensive to have changes of blouses than changes of dresses, yet one gains variety and freshness equally well. We also introduced the draw-

string dress, which is most successful.

"Our latest has the New Look—a high-style draped dress where the fullness is drawn to one side and pulled through a large buttonhole. The ends dangle like a sash, and the fullness can be adjusted without losing any of its grace. This is so new that nobody has had time to copy it yet!"

Knowing Girls' Likes

"What we like to do," Mrs. Ravine explained, "is to design so that a girl can keep on wearing the kind of clothes she is used to. Girls want to pay less, too, for their maternity clothes than for everyday things, as a rule, and we feel that the best buy is one good maternity dress rather than a lot of makeshifts. Each of the girls on the Page Boy team has her particular function in the business. "When Edna said, 'I started,' Edna said, 'I talk all day, then get an idea in the middle of the night and begin

all-over-again. It was—pretty terrible until we got ourselves sorted out."

"Now Edna handles all merchandise, the retail shop, and the factory girls. She knows most of them by name. We have provided pleasant conditions for our workers and they stay with us. At present we're putting up a large new factory and when this is finished we can really spread ourselves."

Businesslike Methods

"After thinking about what to call myself for a whole week," she said with a smile, "I finally hit on the title Administrative Director. It had to sound important, we'd grown so. Now we have a complete business—mail order, wholesale, and retail establishments as well as our factory. I set up the routines and establish the working systems. "Although the business has mushroomed swiftly, it isn't just thrown together. My business course in college and a knowledge of how to keep figures kept us straight."

The youngest sister, a bride "I didn't join the firm until 1941," she said, "but seeing the way the wind blew, I majored in dress designing at the University of Illinois. Edna wanted me to join her in our retail shop, but I chose to go to the University of Illinois. I went in straight from college to enjoy a little practical experience. Now I'm an old-timer."

Mrs. Ravine summed up the team. "Bobbie is a perfectionist in design. Edna is a perfectionist in system. I work in between to keep a balance." — Christian Science Monitor.

POLISH NOTE

Warsaw, Apr. 4. The Polish Government today demanded the demobilisation of 20,000 Polish soldiers and 2,000 officers who had been under British command during the war. It also asked an end to agitation against Poles returning to their homeland.

(In London, a Foreign Office spokesman said it had not received any new note from Warsaw demanding liquidation of the Polish rearmament corps. The note is presumed to be on the way, the spokesman said, adding that pending its arrival there would be no comment. Associated Press.

Jews Hang On To Mount Kastel

Jerusalem, Apr. 4.

Jewish forces tonight still held Mount Kastel, the first "enemy territory" to be occupied by a fighting unit in Palestine's civil war, although strong Arab reinforcements were gathering for an attempt to dislodge them.

The fortress mountain top five miles northwest of Jerusalem was taken before daylight on Saturday by Jews who blasted through heavy opposition.

In the Montefiore quarter Jews killed an Arab and a donkey suspected of carrying packs of explosives into the Ghetto quarter. The Army said the donkey was carrying TNT. The Army fired 600 shells into the Montefiore quarter to silence Jewish guns which were levelled on the Arab-held Jaffa gate to the old city for an hour after the donkey incident.

Both Jew and Arab mortars were busy during the day. Casualties were not reported. Throughout the Holy Land the deaths included one Jew and three Arabs raising the post-partition toll to 2,307.

There also was considerable fighting in the old city walls. A British Army officer was wounded seriously when he stepped on a mine in the American quarter. Bullets whined across the ancient Mount of Olives. In the heart of the Holy Land for two hours as Arab and Jew snipers fired from their respective parts of the city. Associated Press.

GERMANY TO BE INCLUDED

Paris, Apr. 4. The Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation today unanimously approved plans to include Germany in parts of its world programme.

The decision was taken with the approval of the Western Zone commanders. The Board expressed the hope that the Soviet Zone commander would soon express a similar willingness to have the programme extended to the Soviet Zone. Among the work envisaged is the exchange of specialists between Germany and other nations. — Reuters.

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RUSSIANS AGREE TO HOLD TALKS ON BERLIN ISSUE

Montgomery To Attend General's Dinner

Slight Decrease In Tension

Berlin, Apr. 4.

Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, Russian Commander-in-Chief today accepted in invitation to dinner with General Sir Brian Robertson, British Commander-in-Chief, which may bring a show-down over Russia's "blockade" in Berlin.

General Robertson invited Sokolovsky to dine with him on Tuesday night with Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, as a fellow guest.

General Lucius D. Clay, American Commander-in-Chief, and Gen. Pierre Koenig, French Commander-in-Chief, are also expected to attend.

There was a slight easing of tension over Russia's stranglehold restrictions on railroad and highway transport of the Western Allies to and from Berlin. Gen. Clay withdrew his troops from the Russian railroad headquarters in the American zone which they had surrounded since Friday night.

The Russian deputy commander, General Mikhail Dratvin, offered to "clarify" certain details of the Russian restrictions. However, Dratvin at the same time said he saw no possibility of easing the restrictions.

Gen. Robertson himself will provide a test of the Russian controls. The British commander plans to leave his headquarters in the British occupation zone tonight for Berlin for an inspection or any other purpose. Gen. Robertson's dinner will be the first meeting of the Western occupation chiefs with Sokolovsky since the Russians walked out the meeting of the Four-Power Allied Control Council on March 20.

It was believed that Sokolovsky has spent much time since then in Moscow, presumably working out Russian political strategy and tactics in the Berlin situation.

Gen. Clay withdrew his troops from around the Russian railroad headquarters in the American sector in Berlin this morning after a Russian armed guard and most of the other Russians in the building had left.

Cool Reception

It was understood that Soviet General Ivan Petrov, in charge of transportation, remained in the building. It was the illegal presence of a Russian armed guard at the American sector building which caused Gen. Clay to surround it.

He received an explanation from Maj.-Gen. Alexander Kotikov, Russian commander for Berlin, that the guard was sent because Russia feared that a "group of criminal Germans in the Russian sector was scheming to come into the building and destroy valuable records."

Gen. Clay rejected this explanation and kept his troops posted, refusing entry to all Russians until the armed guard left.

Gen. Dratvin sent his letter offering to "clarify" the Russian transport restrictions to the United States Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall.

The Senate President, Mr. Arthur Vandenberg (Republican, Michigan), was reported by his friends as convinced that military aid will be the next major project which Mr. Truman will place before his Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Styles Bridges (Republican, New Hampshire), reported that such a programme appeared to be in the wind but he hoped it would be delayed until funds for the recently enacted global economic aid programme had been appropriated.

Spaak Visit

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge (Republican, Massachusetts), mem-

FREAK WEATHER IN BRITAIN

London, Apr. 4.

Britain was still in the grip of "freak weather" today with gales around the coast, snow in the Midlands, and heavy rain in the South.

There were wind gusts of between 45 and 60 miles per hour in the English Channel and along the East coast.

Reported the situation was "quiet" today. British drivers carrying the new passes required by the Russians were passed through to Berlin without trouble from Soviet Army guards.

Frankfurt Radio, quoting "reliable reports from the Eastern zone," reported that frontier police in Thuringia and Sachsen-Anhalt, provinces in the Soviet zone bordering the British and American zones, had been increased to 40,000. Forty-thousand extra policemen had also been "pushed" to the western and southern borders of Thuringia," the radio added.

Criticising what it termed "an outburst of hysterics" on the part of the Western press, the official Soviet Military Command newspaper, Tagliche Rundschau, denied that any agreement over liberty of communications between Berlin and the West had ever existed.—United Press and Reuter.

Anxious Position In Berlin

Kilmarnock, Apr. 4.

The position of Germany gave grounds for anxiety, the Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander, declared here today.

He added that there had been no limit to which Britain was not prepared to go for the cause of peace, "provided we are not asked to lie down and be walked on."

Britain had proved her bona fides in the matter by her endeavours to trade with Russia, by her last trade agreement with Russia, and her successful endeavours to establish trade relations with Poland and Yugoslavia, and others.

"We have supported all the way through the decisions of the United Nations organisations," he added, "and it is very disappointing that it has taken so long to get even a settlement of the treaties with ex-enemy countries like Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary and Finland, and that we still have not got treaties with Austria and Germany."—Reuter.

Prayers For Benes

Coventry, Apr. 4.

The Bishop of Coventry, Dr. Neville Gorton, wants the people of Britain to pray for Eduard Benes, President of Czechoslovakia.

Gorton wrote in his diocesan leaflet: "Satan alone knows what unscrupulous devices and external pressure President Benes of Czechoslovakia now moves with nothing can ensure his escape from his country."

"We should pray for him. He stands for so much, and for those silenced in his own country, like himself, as the lights go down on all that he and they believed."—Associated Press.

PICNICKERS FIRED ON

Shanghai, Apr. 5.

Two Chinese Youth Army soldiers opened fire with sub-machineguns on a truckload of picnicking Chinese Government Radio Administration employees on Sunday, wounding three seriously and two others slightly.

The truck had just passed an inspection post in Shanghai's outskirts when, without warning, the soldiers started shooting. The employees said they thought the soldiers did not want to inspect the truck, so they drove on after having waited in line for a long time.—Associated Press.

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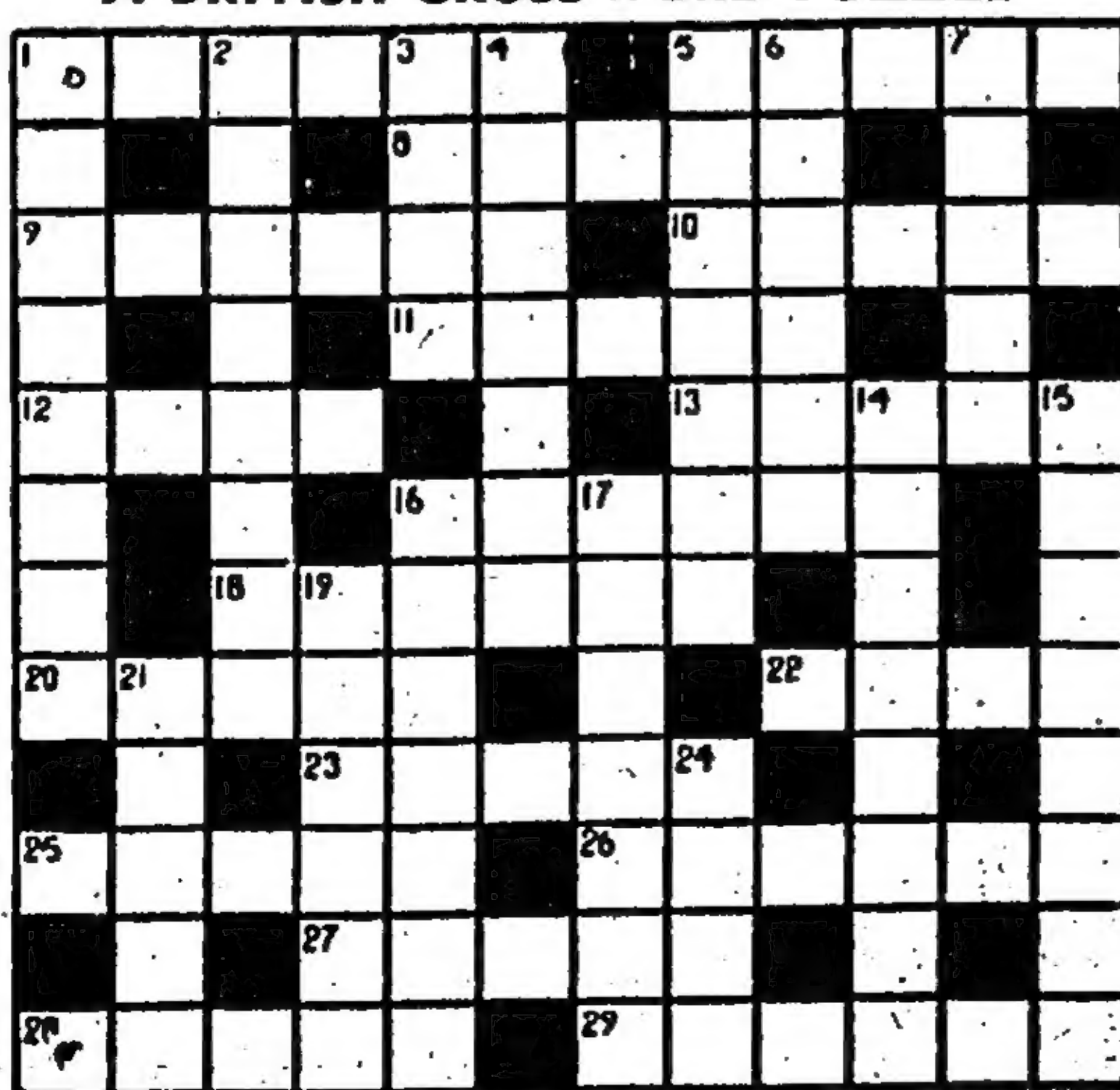
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Clues Across

- 1 Disorder.
- 5 Climb.
- 8 Join.
- 9 Support.
- 10 Eat away.
- 11 Cunning.
- 12 Difficult.
- 13 Disables.
- 16 Entertain.
- 17 Invisibly.
- 18 Merchant.
- 20 Liberated.
- 22 Opera singer.
- 23 Worn-out horse.
- 25 Pigment.
- 26 Insurrection.
- 27 Gather.
- 28 Inclines.
- 29 Account book.

Clues Down

- 1 Damage.
- 2 Adorn.
- 3 Breathing organ.
- 4 Laid.
- 5 Of the stars.
- 6 Edible grain.
- 7 Shelf.
- 14 Deserving.
- 15 Not an acquaintance.
- 16 Rogues.
- 17 Military rank.
- 19 Give up office.
- 21 Steward.
- 24 Beverage.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

- Across: 1 Thrift, 6 Idiom, 8 Ream, 9 Goaded, 11 Mined, 12 Motive, 14 Doom, 16 Scent, 18 Hoard, 19 Feud, 20 Market, 24 Leave, 25 Riding, 26 Noon, 27 Tied, 28 Aged.

Today's Crossword

- Down: 1 Tugs, 2 Room, 3 Fret, 4 Tedium, 5 Immense, 6 Ignited, 7 Modesty, 10 Donor, 13 Shellac, 14 Dastard, 15 Oddment, 17 Cured, 19 Furrow, 21 Kine, 23 Tied, 28 Aged.



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JEWS PROTEST

New York, Apr. 4.
More than 25,000 Jewish war veterans from 13 States and the District of Columbia marched down Fifth Avenue here today, carrying placards protesting against the United States policy towards Palestine.

Memorial services were held in Madison Square Park for Jews killed in Palestine.
The placards denounced the American reversal of policy and demanded that the United Nations partition decision be upheld.—Reuter.

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Service Still In Default

London, Apr. 4.

The Council of Foreign Bondholders' Annual Report contains some pertinent remarks about the external debts of both China and Japan.

The Council records that it "read with much interest" the statement by the Chinese Prime Minister (issued on Aug. 13, 1947) in which he declared that China pledged her honourable intention to repay those external loans the service of which was suspended in the course of the Sino-Japanese war.

The Council emphasises that they "attach great importance to the maintenance of the principle that China's pre-war loans should not be prejudiced by her post-war borrowings."

Lord Beauchamp, as Chairman of the Chinese Bondholders' Committee, addressed a letter in the latter part of the year to the Chinese Finance Minister in which he suggested that the time had come to give at least some practical effect to the Prime Minister's statement.

The report adds: "There have been no further developments to report during the year in connection with the Chinese Government External Debt, the service of which remains in complete default."

Claims Against Japan
In the case of Japan, the Council recalls that in the early part of the year, it became aware of an announcement by the Alien Property Custodian in Washington that he was prepared to receive claims against impounded Japanese funds from creditors of Japan.

The Council thereupon asked the Alien Property Custodian whether he was prepared to accept claims from British Bondholders and whether, if so, he would accept a global claim from the Council.

The Custodian replied that claims must be made by individual bondholders and that Public Law 671, 79th Congress, restricted eligibility for payment of debt claims to citizens or residents of the United States or Philippine Islands.

The Council took the matter up with the British authorities and was given to understand that by agreement between the principal Allies each Allied Government was to be free, subject to the Peace Treaties, to deal as it thought fit with any enemy assets in its own territory.

The Council had, at the outbreak, been with Japan, and that the Japanese funds in Britain which were impounded by the Custodian of Enemy should be utilised for the payment of interest on Japanese sterling loans, but was informed that these funds could not be regarded as earmarked for any particular purpose and that their disposal would await the conclusion of a Peace Treaty with Japan. The Council now understands "that the British Custodian is still of the opinion that he is not entitled to distribute the funds in any individual claimants."—Reuter.

NO CONTROL OF STOCKS IN INDIA

New Delhi, Apr. 4.

The Indian Finance Minister has indicated that legislation for the control of stockmarkets in the Dominion will not be presented during the present session, according to the "Free Press."

He was now obtaining the consent of all the Provincial Governments to enable him to introduce this legislation.

The Minister did not consider that speculation in gold, silver, cotton and food grains had reached a stage where it was affecting the economic life of the country. Appropriate action would be taken, if the need for it arose.—Reuter.

Speeding Up On Rocket Research

London, Apr. 4.

Australia's Defence Council will tomorrow consider means of speeding up constructional work at the rocket range in Central Australia, Melbourne.

The Council will hear a report by Senator John Armstrong, Minister of Munitions, on his recent visit to the range.

Against a background of intensified scientific development in Australia, the Council's discussions are expected to be influenced by a meeting yesterday between the Prime Minister, Mr. J. B. Chifley, and Professor Marcus Oliphant, the atomic energy expert.

Mr. Chifley also saw Sir Ben Lockspeiser, another leading scientist now in Australia.

The Australian Premier, the Radio said, was in almost daily communication with the British Cabinet, and Ministers were following events in Europe very closely. Australia's views on European events are expected to be stated by Dr. Herbert Evatt, the Minister for External Affairs, to the Federal Parliament on Wednesday, Melbourne Radio added.—Reuter.

Precarious State Of Food Front

Washington, Apr. 4.

In large areas of the world, even the inadequate food consumption levels of a year ago are not being maintained, according to a report to be submitted to the second session of the World Food and Agricultural Organisation Council here tomorrow.

The report estimated the world's exportable supplies of grains, apart from rice, at 33,500,000 metric tons, an increase of 4,500,000 tons over 1946-1947.

But the needs of deficit countries increased by at least 8,000,000 tons and the grain shortage remained acute.

There was a slight increase in rice exports, but not in comparison to the increased needs, and little improvement could be expected in rice deficit countries.—Reuter.

OIL OUTPUT IN INDIES

Singapore, Apr. 5.

Oil production of the Shell group in the Netherlands East Indies and British Borneo has reached nearly half the pre-war output, according to figures released by the Dutch Consulate here.

This is despite the fact that a number of boring areas in Middle and North Sumatra are outside Netherlands-occupied territory.

The announcement said monthly production, in metric tons, was as follows by the end of 1947: Sourabaya (Java), 5,000; Tarnkan (Dutch Borneo), 25,000; Balikpapan (Dutch Borneo), 22,000; Pladjoe (South Sumatra), 88,000 and British North Borneo, 21,000.

The total production of companies belonging to the Shell group in these areas in 1947 was nearly 7,000,000 metric tons of crude oil.

Nearly 6,000,000 of this came from the Netherlands East Indies and about 1,000,000 from British North Borneo.—Associated Press.

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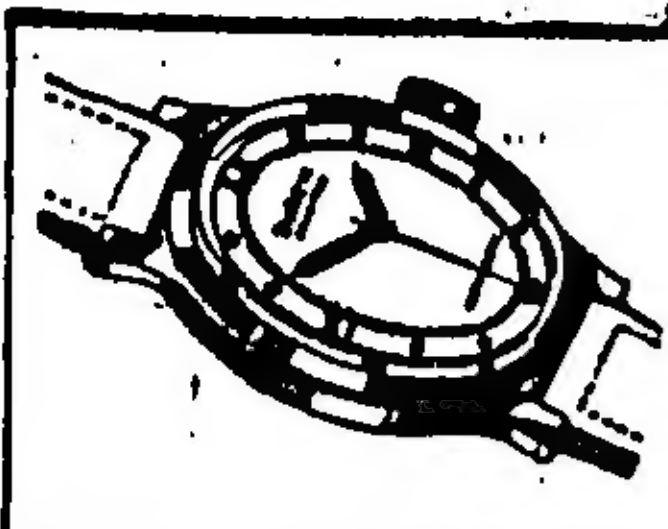
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Cops No Match For Halo'd Hurlers

(By "Grandstand")

Although interest in the leagues games over the week-end was overshadowed by the unofficial Interport tilt, nevertheless, teams turned out in full strength. South China fielded their regular nine with veteran Tsoi Ping-fun on the mound, who staged a spirited but vain attempt to stem a determined V.R.C. attack.

Jack Dempsey's Police outfit was on hand to tackle the Saints in a double-header, but it was soon evident that his merry band of Coppers were no match for the league hurlers. The absence of their regular catcher, John Wall teamed up with hurler Dempsey, while battery for the Saints were the reliable Jack Brown and Hal Wingle. Jack pitched a three-hitter against heavy swatsmen. The Saints started scoring the first frame with a trio of markers and piled on a total of 18 for the full game, while holding the Coppers scoreless for six innings. In the final chapter, Police reached second-base for the first time during this game when Jack Brown issued two passes in succession. Police hot corner guarder Yeung's safe and safety of the game scored the first tally.

In the female loop, the Maple Leafers outthit the Untamed Females in the early stages of the game but were unable to convert their opportunities into runs mainly through careless baserunning. All of the three Canadian markers were chalked up in the fifth on a wild heave to home. Playing under the "make all you can" ground rules, the Canukettes were quick to take advantage of this wildcat bungle and pushed across three counters. The Canadians, who are scheduled to play the Madcap Aces this week, have asked for a postponement as Coach Bill Woo will be taking a few of the team to Canton for the National Meet.

Canukette slugging short-stop Jean Lee eluded the apple safely twice in three attempts and climbed to the top rung in the batting race with a 420 percentage, while Giffie Gann who was not in action last week still stays a shade under that figure with 422. Wilcat catcher Elie Unblida, whose menacing mace has always been a threat to the worry to opposing batters failed miserably when she faced Alice Mar, and went hitless in four batting attempts, and has slumped right out of the 400 circle with a disappointing 368.

Mentor Billy Soares aided by coaches Bill Silva and Roberto "Quacks" Remedios piloted the Braves to a 12-8 triumph over the Wildfires to annex the Junior loop championship—the first to have their name etched on the Ernie Heather Shield. Their last victory was gained in their fast-becoming legendary manner of coming up from behind to take the victory. The flaring spirit piled good dividends ever since their first game of the season with the Wildfires when they made up a ten run deficit in the final semester. This "never say die" quality is not only limited to any single game, but has been like that throughout the season, for this team staged a most spectacular climb to the top after they had dropped their fourth, fifth and sixth games in a row, and followers were beginning to wonder if they had pinned their hopes on the right team.

The Wildfires were all out to upset the champions by jumping on hurler Vic Podroco for seven markers before Billy Soares decided to call in windy-ally guardian Chapple Remedios, to hold down the opposition. The Wildfires' scoring spree suddenly stopped, meanwhile the Mountlins Warriors worked over the Wildfires' moundman Roberto Silva, gradually but surely, for 12 counters. In the first inning, Wildfire short-stop Reggie Vieira suffered a dislocated thumb when an outfield throw-in took a frank bounce. Manager Joey Franco took Vieira to the hospital where the digit received attention, and his removal from the game may have affected the Wildfires psychologically, for Vieira in addition to being one of the main cogs in the infield machinery, was also responsible for driving in the first Wildfire tally by hitting out a single with the bases loaded.

The protest received by the Association from the Chinese team, appealing against an umpire's decision in their game against India in the current International Semi-Finals last week, which the latter won, is the first time an international tussle had been protested. The dates set for the hearing of China's grievance is Thursday, April 8 at 5.15 p.m.

The incident disputed occurred in the sixth frame, after Capone Rumjahn was awarded a base on being interfered with by China's catcher, Quon. India's slugging third-sacker, Benny Omar was next at bat, and as expected, laid a bunt down first base line. China's hefty first-sacker, Bill Woo, was equally on the alert, and snatched the ball, rebounded, and Omar's bunt attempted to tag

Baseball Spring Training

Tucson, Ariz., Apr. 5. Mild dysentery but seven Cleveland Indians on the sick list today. The stricken include infielders Joe Gordon and Al Rosen, pitchers Edgar Jones and Lyman Linder.

San Antonio.—Bill Nicholson and Phil Cavarretta insist they are over their injuries and ready to work for the Cubs.

Orlando, Fla.—Washington liked the looks of Cuban pitcher Ramon Gattuso who blanked the Athletics in the one inning he worked yesterday.

Dallas, Tex.—Duke Snyder gave Brooklyn its 4-3 win over Fort Worth yesterday by stealing home.

St. Petersburg, Fla.—Stan Musial's two-run homer in the ninth gave the Cardinals an 8-7 win over the Yankees yesterday and the edge in their spring series with the world champs five games to four.

Phoenix, Ariz.—The Giants, who set a major league record with 221 homers last season, have belted out 31 in 22 exhibition games. Bob Thomson and Jack Lohrke have hit five each but Johnny Mize, who hit 51 last year, has made only two. Associated Press.

V.R.C. Annual Meeting

A very successful year's working was reported at the Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club held yesterday and presided over by Mr. A. O. Barretto in the absence of the Hon. A. Morse.

At an extraordinary general meeting held immediately after it was decided that the entrance fees and the subscription fees be raised.

The following were the officials elected for the ensuing year:—

Chairman.—Hon. A. Morse.
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Fanling

Despite the fact that the Old Course had been shut there was a very fair attendance at Fanling on Sunday. Being the first Sunday of the month a qualifying round for the Captain's Cup was the order of the day. Mr. G. D. Carter was the qualifier with a good round of 71 from scratch. His last nine holes were two under four a particularly fine performance. Mr. W. S. Vaughan was second with 87 less 12.

Next week-end sees a Stableford Competition on the New Course. Open Foursome competitors are reminded that their first round is due to be played by April 11.

Verduer "Unbeatable" In Breast Stroke

New Haven, Conn., Apr. 5.

Bob Kiphuth, American Olympic swimming coach, is not too enthusiastic about U.S. chances in the London games next August but he can hardly wait until the Americans and Japanese start swimming against each other again.

Here is the way the veteran Yale coach sized things up after the Amateur Athletic Union's national indoor championships over the week-end:—

"It looks pretty grim for us at the games in London outside of Joe Verduer, and the divers. Everyone in Europe means that we cannot beat the Americans, but when you put it down in black and white the times in the 1947 European championships are better than ours right down the line, except for Verduer and Allen Stack."

He thinks no one can beat Verduer in the breast stroke. Verduer broke his own world record for the 200 metres by cutting his 2 minutes 35 seconds down to 2 minutes 31 3/10ths. Then he topped this off by swimming the longer 220 yards in 2 minutes 30 9/10ths. These figures established world marks for the 200 yards, "Certain Victors" Kiphuth believes. Ohio State's diver, Miller Anderson, Bruce Harlan, and Jack Calhoun—are also promising swimmers. Allen Stack, American 100 yards champion, is also a promising swimmer. Kiphuth's list of swimmers to watch includes Hawaii's Bill

The Home Of Happy Children

Twenty-three miles west of Hong Kong in the congenial environments of the Castle Peak vicinity some 126 orphans are today being "mothered" by an enterprising group of welfare workers at the Happy Children's Home "to be good and useful citizens and faithful subjects of the Kingdom of God."

Formerly known as the Cheung Chau Children's Refuge, established by the Cheung Chau Village community, the Happy Children's Home is a charitable organisation, running on funds from the China's Children Fund (American Relief Organisation) and local relief institutions.

A staff of 12 men and women, including seven teachers, running classes from Kindergarten to Primary 6th, work under

Golden Gloves Tournay

Encouraged by the success of the recent boxing tournament held at the Fleet Club, the promoters of the Golden Gloves have decided to stage another such tournament at the same venue on the evening of 21st April, 1948 at 8 p.m.

Eight fights of three rounds duration are scheduled, in addition to which a special show and return contest in being arranged between Leading Writer Pulling of H.M.S. Tamar and Red Biggs of South Africa.

In announcing the verdict at the last encounter, the referee said it had been a very close fight. Biggs undoubtedly thought he had won and promptly asked Pulling to concede a return fight. Both boxers are training hard for this fight and Biggs will do his utmost to reverse the decision.

Some of the Chinese and Portuguese boys who fought in the last tournament are likely to be seen again.

Gym Needed

The youth of Hong Kong has entered whole-heartedly into the revival of boxing. The pick of the younger generation of Chinese and Portuguese are showing a keen desire to master the technique and the sponsors of the Golden Gloves Kowloon Gymnasium have already made some excellent arrangements to afford all keen youngsters the fullest training facilities at their Headquarters, 381 Nathan Road.

In many ways Hong Kong is well ahead of the times but in the most many of all sports we are sadly behind large cities of comparable size.

What is so necessary is a completely equipped modern gymnasium where the flower of our youth can be trained to meet the physical emergencies of a doubtful tomorrow.

With continued support it should be simple to arrange the conduct of boxing, physical culture, weight-lifting and strength building classes training hard for the future. There will, in future, be no lack of Aspirants for Fistic laurels in the Hall of Fame. Once this venture is well under way it will also be simple to stage quarterly Inter-Port Fights covering Hong Kong, Shanghai, Macao, Canton, the Philippines etc.

The sport-loving public of Hong Kong will be given every chance to witness the keenest bouts and to participate in putting the spirit of boxing again on our sporting calendar.

All interested are asked to contact Mr. James Rainey, the Golden Gloves promoter, either care of Box 1808, Kowloon, or personally any evening between 6 and 7 at the Gymnasium, 381 Nathan Road, Top Floor. Contributed.

FRED DALY DEFEATED

Edinburgh, Apr. 5. Glory Van Donck of Belgium defeated the British open golf champion, Fred Daly, in an 18-hole match on Sunday.

They finished out the round with Van Donck returning 4 five and Fred Daly 7. Under 67 and Daly 70. Associated Press.

Soviet Pressure On Austria

Washington, Apr. 4. American officials today reported signs of mounting Soviet pressure on Austria. They indicated concern over the possibility that the former enemy country had been moved up on the Russian time-table for inclusion in Red bloc satellites.

Warning signs viewed with concern include: 1. Formation of an armed guard corps by Communists at the important Zisterdorf oil installations in the Soviet-occupied zone of Austria.

2. Attempted formation of "action committees" throughout Austria similar to those that were the spearhead of the Czech coup. Officials said this effort, unsuccessful so far, was still continuing.

3. Radio Moscow's continuing allegations that only the Western powers are standing in the way of the Austrian peace treaty. Moscow harps on the theme that the United States, particularly, is to blame for the delay.

4. Radio Moscow claims, "Austria is now like a reactionary island, which is almost completely surrounded by progressive countries (Soviet satellites) where there is government by popular democracy."—United Press.

'Thank God' Gave Him Rs.63,000

Karachi, Apr. 5. Dealers known to witnesses as "Thank God" and "God Bless" were mentioned in evidence here when a former Quantas Airways steward, Augustine Desmond Cahill, was committed for trial on a charge of having sent 273 ounces of gold out of Australia without permission.

The witness, William Arthur Shirley, a former Quantas radio operator, said that last August he was in the crew of a "Lancaster" bound for Bombay when Cahill told him that he had been transferred to another route and asked him to take the gold for sale to the Karachi dealers.

He called on "Thank God" who weighed the gold and gave him 63,000 rupees, which he later changed at Singapore into sterling and Australian pounds. Part of the money was found when the plane was searched at Darwin and handed over the balance to Cahill.—Reuter.

Chinese National Athletic Meet

Shanghai, Apr. 5.

More than 3,000 athletes from Far Eastern countries will compete in the Seventh China National Athletic Meet opening here on May 5.

China will enter the largest number of contestants in the 11-day tournament at the spacious Kwangwan Stadium. Others include Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Manila, Batavia.

The NAM committee said it has been notified that a team from San Francisco will cross the Pacific for the games and another team consisting of Chinese Americans from New York and Chicago may come. The athletes will begin to gather here about Apr. 25. The deadline for registering is set for Apr. 20.

Gusnon Hoh, Secretary General of the NAM committee, said adequate accommodation has been provided near the stadium for all the participants.

Olympic Hopes

For the Chinese, the games will serve as an elimination meet for the London Olympics in July. Hoh said a Selection Olympics for the winners.

China has hopes of winning a point in the Olympics. China's hope for breaking the age old jinx rests with Lau Won-kuang, whose specialty is the 10,000 meter run. He is now competing in the United States, but is expected to return before the National tournament opens.

Service Entries

Otherwise, sportsmen say, no performer of Olympic calibre has appeared so far in China. Still, the sportsmen are hoping the meet would bring out some Olympic talent from the teams.

Warning To French Communists

Paris, Apr. 4.

The Communists were warned today by M. Jules Moch, Minister of the Interior, that strong measures would be taken against them should they launch any fresh series of strikes in France. Speaking at Selz, on the Mediterranean coast, he said: "The strikes of last November and December were exploited by the Communist Party which followed the command of the Cominform."

"The proof is evident today by the series of social movements which have broken out simultaneously in France and Northern Italy, movements often organised with the support of foreign elements adhering in particular to the Union of Soviet Citizens, to the Polish Workers Party in France, and to the Movement of Free Italy," M. Moch said.

He added: "France remains the country which offers the right of sanctuary to every foreigner who is willing to work for the rights which no other country gives. But we ask him not to interfere in internal French politics and to leave the French to settle their own quarrels."

Lesson Learned

"We have learned our lessons from the dramatic events of November and December. We have now better prepared and better organised forces of resistance. I can assure you that if it is necessary in the near future, as it was before, I shall defend with success the Republican Order. I shall not fall in this duty."

M. Moch said that he "would defend the Republican Order from whatever side it might be threatened."

Security Bodies

France is organising 54 public security companies of "Republican" Companies of Security to help the police to maintain national security and order. It was officially announced here today.

The move was considered as a precaution prompted by the threat of Communist-instigated strike waves this summer. The companies will be used to guard the country's airfields, seaports, rail communications and frontiers.

They will be directed from one General Headquarters, controlling nine commands.—Reuter.

De Gaulle Election Victory

Paris, Apr. 5.

General Charles de Gaulle, head of the "Union of the French People," chalked up his first election victory today since his last October landslide in metropolitan France. The nearly complete unofficial returns from Sunday's Algerian parliamentary elections gave a sweeping win to the "Union of the French People" and allied parties running on a combined RPF-Union ticket.

The Algerian Popular Party, an extremist group headed by Hadji Messali favouring complete independence from France, won only eight seats compared with 25 independent candidates elected in the Second College voting.

Returns from 55 of the 60 seats to be filled by the First College, in which voting was by Europeans and educated Muslims only, gave the RPF-Union 25 seats with two each going to the Radical Independents, Independent Republicans, Unionists, Socialist and Radical Socialists. The moderate Independents won one seat while 20 were not filled because of the failure of any of the candidates to gain an absolute majority.

In almost all the 20 unsettled races RPF-Union polled far more votes than any single rival. The Communists failed to win any seats.

Run-off elections for the unfilled posts will be held next Sunday.—United Press.

Snatcher Gets Cane And Gaol

Chan Cho, alias Kwok Ngau-chi, 17, was sentenced to ten strokes of the cane, eight months' hard labour and two years' Police supervision when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday to snatching \$37.20 from Lung Yung (30), married woman, on April 3.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth said the complainant was purchasing vegetables at Mong Kok Road about 3.45 p.m. on April 3 when defendant went up and snatched a handkerchief, containing the money, from her hand. Whilst being chased by the woman, said SI Howarth, defendant threw the handkerchief away. It was picked up by an accomplice who, so far, had not yet been arrested.

Accused, said SI Howarth, originally gave his age as 12 but later admitted that he was 17 years old. He also admitted a previous conviction, on Dec. 31, 1946, for snatching.

Another Case

Law Kung (10) went up to Lam Hong (43) outside 612 Shanghai Street at 4.45 p.m. on April 4, and took a "Wearaway" pen and pencil set from the latter's upper left jacket pocket. Lam grabbed hold of the snatcher before he had a chance to run and handed him over to a constable.

Charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, Law was sentenced to a year's hard labour, and recommended for banishment, after Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth had informed the Court that defendant had three previous convictions last year.

The National football teams of Bulgaria and Poland played a 1-1 draw here on Sunday before 30,000 spectators.—Associated Press.

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